

- Nicodemus (We must be born again by believing in Jesus.)
- Philip (We learn more as we believe in and follow Jesus.)
- The Samaritan woman (Jesus satisfies all who believe in Him.)
- The blind man (Jesus gives sight to those who receive Him.)
- Martha and Mary (Life's greatest priority is sitting at the feet of Jesus.)
- Thomas (Jesus will perfect our faith in Him.)
- Pilate (The governor of Judea is an example of unbelief.)
- Judas Iscariot (He is the one who started out believing but turned away.)



Group Discussion: What lesson about believing in Jesus can others learn from your life?

➤ *Answers will vary.*



Review with students. John is the only Gospel writer who gives details of Jesus' farewell address to His disciples just prior to His crucifixion (John 13–16). In this private meeting with His disciples, Jesus foretold two central truths:

1. He would be leaving them soon. Although they could not go with Him, He promised to return and take them to His Father's house (John 14:1–4).
2. He would not leave them alone (John 14:18). He promised to send another Counselor—the Holy Spirit—to be with them.

Encourage students to summarize how each of these truths is just as vital for believers today.



Group Discussion: According to Jesus' private teaching to the disciples, what would the Holy Spirit do in, for, and through them?

➤ *The Holy Spirit would live in them (14:17), teach them (14:26), give them power to witness (15:26–27), and guide them into all truth (16:13).*



Group Discussion: In what ways should our ministry today be dependent upon the work of the Holy Spirit?

➤ *Answers will vary but should include such ideas as teaching, empowering to witness, and guiding into all truth. Encourage students to be specific, giving concrete examples.*



Conclude with prayer, asking Jesus to give students fresh empowering from the Holy Spirit for ministry and for daily living.