

LifeGroup Questions  
Based on: John 16:7-8  
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## **Overview**

If you have been around church for any length of time most of us know that the standard Sunday school answer for any question is Jesus. Don't you remember being in class and not really paying attention to what the teacher was saying and all of a sudden she calls on you. The default answer would be Jesus. Without even knowing the question we always refer to Jesus. Here is a question for you: Would you rather have Jesus by your side or the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit? The most natural response to this is Jesus. It is absolutely what His disciples wanted. They didn't want to be alone. This is why I find this passage somewhat difficult to understand.

### ***John 16:7-8***

***7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. 8 When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:***

Really Jesus, it is for our good that you go away? The Holy Spirit is so important in our lives that we are better with the Spirit inside us than with Jesus beside? It is with the Spirit inside us that we will view the world differently. It is with the Spirit that we will know the world's view of sin, righteousness, and judgement is wrong. It is with the Spirit that we know how to live our lives for God.

As believers, sometimes we get so caught up in why things happen in life – seeking the cause that we forget the WHO. Why do I struggle with this sin? Why do I struggle with anger? Why can't I trust God? Why do I keep holding onto the guilt of the past? All the "whys" of life can become overwhelming and you can feel drained. Your power source is the Holy Spirit. Often we try to rely on our own strength to get us through, but we usually end up where we started – tired and defeated. Like any relationship, learning to trust the Holy Spirit takes time and investment. Spend time praying and reading God's word asking Him to guide you through life.

### **Bible Study:** John 16:7-8

1. Over the course of the next week set aside at least a few minutes a day to spend time in prayer and quiet. Take this time to listen to the Holy Spirit.