



# Belong

## Part 4 – We Belong by Abiding in The Holy Spirit Discussion Guide

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When Jesus returned to heaven, He left us prepared for living a godly life, a life of being rooted in Him. He left us His Holy Spirit so that we might be in tune with God, led and comforted by God. By the Spirit, we know we belong to God. This week we will sit at the feet of Jesus and learn about how to abide in the Holy Spirit.

**What you will need:** A Bible or your Bible app, a notebook, pen, and highlighter. The verses highlighted below are linked so that you can easily access them during your study time.

### **Jump Start**

1. What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this weekend's message?
2. **Read [1 John 3:24](#)**. Focus on the word "abide(s)." If a person proclaims that they are a follower of Jesus, then they must abide in Christ. What, therefore, must their attitude be toward God's Word and His commandments? How does the Holy Spirit help us know that we are abiding?
3. **Read [1 John 4:1-2 and Romans 10:9-10](#)**. Why do we need the ability to test the spirits? What is the test? How is this tied to salvation? How does the Holy Spirit ground us? If you wish, share a time when God's Spirit corrected your wrong thinking.
4. **Read [1 John 4:14-17](#)**. How Does Paul describe the Christian's relationship with God? What will we really begin to know and understand deeply when we are abiding? What will be the outcome (in verse 17) of this relationship with God?
5. **Read: [Ephesians 3:14-19](#)**. Paul prays (for the Ephesians and for future believers) and asks God for the very things we need to abide and thrive. **List them**. What is the culmination in verse 19? How does that tie in to understanding and claiming [Romans 8:28](#) in our lives?

**Pray the Ephesians passage out loud as a group.**

### **Deeper**

Here at The Cove, our mission is to Introduce our friends to Jesus, Learn to follow Him, and Celebrate His Presence in our lives. We want you to be fully equipped with the Word of God by spending time with Him daily through prayer, and through studying His Word with others. We believe this is how you will be equipped to make disciples.

6. **Read [John 14:16-17](#), [Acts 4:31](#), and [Ephesians 5:18](#).** Thank God in prayer for the Holy Spirit. Seek to develop a deeper relationship with the Spirit by spending more time listening for His voice. Invite Him to fill you. Prayerfully surrender to His leading.
  
7. **Read [Acts 19:1-2](#) and [7:51](#).** Pray and ask God to help you become more aware of the Holy Spirit in your life. Ask God to make clear the Spirit's direction and voice. Do not resist His guidance and leading.
  
8. **Read [John 16:13](#).** Pray about any situations in which you need guidance from God. Ask for the Holy Spirit's counsel. Develop the habit of approaching the Word of God by first asking the Spirit to teach you. Do the same for any philosophies or attitudes that our worldview impresses on you. Pray for discernment.
  
9. **Read [John 16:7-8](#).** Confess in prayer any sin that is in your life. Let the Holy Spirit convict you and change you from the inside out.