



# DIALED IN

## THE DIALED IN HELPER

Miles McPherson / March 4, 2018 / John 14:16, John 16:7

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### ICEBREAKER:

Pastor Miles encouraged us to pray this week by starting off with the 3 'DECLARE' statements listed in the Sunday Lesson Plan. **Where is your Sunday Lesson Plan?**

As a group, speak the following to open the study (leader may lead and group repeats):

**I declare that the Holy Spirit is a Person, able to live in relationship with me.**

**I declare that the Holy Spirit was sent to help me.**

**I declare that the Holy Spirit was sent to live in me.**

### ENCOURAGEMENT:

**What difficult circumstances have you been in / are you in / that need the help of the Holy Spirit?**

**Read John 16:7**

**Have you ever had a loved one who was near death? Although very sad, did you feel that it would be better for the loved one to die to end their pain and suffering?**

Once again, Jesus gave an unexpected teaching. His death and departure would be to *their* (the disciples) advantage. **What does 'Nevertheless' mean? Does anyone else's Bible have a different word for the beginning of this verse? To what is Jesus referring when he uses 'nevertheless'?** (Hint: Nevertheless means 'despite all of that' - look at the previous 3 verses for context.) **What are some of the advantages of Jesus going away?** (Hint: see Matt 18:20). Imagine if Jesus was still on Earth today. **How would that affect use of the Bible?** Compare the disciples before and after the Holy Spirit. **What were some of the advantages?**

**SCRIPTURE:** (Suggest breaking into groups of 2 or 3)

**Read John 14:16-18**

Share with one another in the group who has been your greatest advisor or defender or mediator.

**How does that person(s) compare with the Holy Spirit?**

**When we sin, is the Holy Spirit still within (or 'abiding') us? Why or why not?**

**If the Holy Spirit abides in us forever, how is it that can we consider sinning?**

In the original language, 'abide' (verse 14) means continue to be present; not to depart.

**Have you ever had to tell someone you are going to do something 'for his or her own good'?**

**PRAYER:** (suggest pair up in groups of 2)

One way to understand the helper is to consider the *opposite* of that work. Share with one another what lies or deceptions you have heard the accuser (the devil) say in your head. We often allow those lies to affect our thinking and feelings about ourselves or the relationships God intends for us. The work of the devil is the opposite of the Holy Spirit. **Would you ever say out loud to a friend what the enemy is saying to you?** Now, declare to one another a truth that contradicts or corrects the lies the enemy has tried to use. Then pray for strength against the lies and deceptions.

**NEXT STEPS:**

Each Sunday service on 3/4 opened with a video showing the highlights and summary of what the Rock Church has done in its 18 years of existence. Prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit to guide you and identify what you could accomplish in the next 18 years. **What would that video show?**

**\* Pray every day for help and strength from the Holy Spirit.**

**Who can you invite to the Rock for Easter?**

Write down 3 names, and start praying for them to attend. This year, Easter is April 1st (no kidding).

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Spend a few moments praying for those people to accept the Easter invitation.

Pastor Miles message to us in this series has been to increase our prayer time and "Dial Into" the conversations already taking place. As you pray this week, how would you fill in these blanks?

Lord, Bless \_\_\_\_\_ so I can \_\_\_\_\_.  
(describe how it will glorify or benefit God)

**Quote from Pastor Miles:** "If you begin your prayer by declaring the 3 truths (listed in the Lesson Plan) about the Holy Spirit, we do NOT have to pray *for* the Holy Spirit to come and we do NOT have to wonder *if* the Holy Spirit is coming."

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