



**Week 8**  
12 - 18 June 2022

**SMALL GROUP WEEKLY  
DEVOTIONAL MATERIAL**

# EASTER to TRINITY SUNDAY

## CONTENT:

**Weekly** Sunday Sermon Bible readings, worship song, reflection, small group questions and family time  
**Daily** Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation

Week 8      Sunday 12 June      The work of the Holy Spirit

## Week 8: 12 June – Trinity Sunday

Year C	First reading	Psalm	Second reading	Gospel
TRINITY SUNDAY	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15



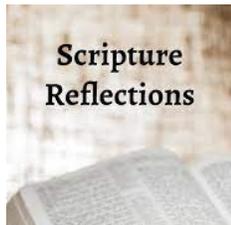
**Praise and Worship:** Oceans - Hillsong United <https://youtu.be/PfpEefKiG2I>



### John 16:12-15

*<sup>12</sup> 'I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you.'*

### Scripture Reflections



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Jesus said, "Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is to your advantage that I go away, for if I don't go away, the Counselor won't come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you." (16:7). These words provide essential background to the passage we are working with. From the disciples' perspective, Jesus' imminent departure seems catastrophic. Earlier, Peter said, "Lord, to whom would we go? You have the words of eternal life" (6:68). The disciples will witness Jesus' death, which will seem to extinguish "the words of eternal life." Following the resurrection, Jesus will ascend into heaven. Once again, the disciples will face life without the Lord—without "the words of eternal life."

However, Jesus reassures the disciples that he will provide for their needs. They will not be alone but will gain by Jesus' departure and Spirit's arrival. The incarnation imposed limitations on Jesus. He is bound by time and place. He can travel only slowly and teach only those within range of his voice. The Spirit will not be subject to these limitations but will be present everywhere—throughout the world and throughout history.

The discussion of Jesus leaving and of hard times, almost certainly made the disciples nervous and afraid (John 16:6). Rather than overwhelm them with even more, Jesus knows when to stop. This, again, is one of the reasons God will send the Holy Spirit to encourage, teach, and remind these men of those things they can't yet fully understand (John 16:13). Just as Joshua inherited Moses' mantle and took responsibility for leading Israel into the Promised Land, so also the Spirit will inherit Jesus' mantle of leading people to the truth.

Jesus did not speak his own word, but said, "everything that I heard from my Father, I have made known to you" (15:15). In his High Priestly Prayer, Jesus will say, "the words which you have given me I have given to them" (the disciples) (17:8). In like manner, the Spirit will not speak his own word, but will speak "whatever he hears." There is a direct line from the Father through the Son and the Spirit to the disciples. Every word of Jesus and the Spirit is rooted in the truth of the Father.

The current cultures stress the experiential, and it is primarily through the Holy Spirit's work that we feel God's presence within, and Christian life is given a special tangibility. God is with us and within us through the Holy Spirit. And everything that the Holy Spirit does affirms what Jesus

### Small Group Questions:

- What is your understanding of the 3<sup>rd</sup> person in the Trinity – The Holy Spirit?
- What do you think is the work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life?
- Why was it important for Jesus to make sure we have the Holy Spirit in his physical absence?

### Daily Bible Reading, Memory Verse and Prayer:



**MONDAY, June 13, 2022:** [Psalm 124](#); [Proverbs 7:1-4](#); [Ephesians 4:7-16](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "If the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us," – Psalm 124:2

**PRAYER:** Loving and Gracious Lord, thank you for always being on our side when we go through all forms of battles. We thank you for your protection against our enemies. In Jesus name. **Amen.**

**TUESDAY, June 14, 2022:** [Psalm 124](#); [Proverbs 8:4-21](#); [Ephesians 5:15-20](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us" – Psalm 124:4

**PRAYER:** Heavenly Father, we have been through the most in our lives and we go through the most, but we are grateful that are always with us, and you protect us". **Amen**

**WEDNESDAY, June 15, 2022:** [Psalm 124](#); [Daniel 1:1-21](#); [Luke 1:46b-55](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way" Daniel 1:8

**PRAYER:** Lord, God; the creator of heaven and earth – help us remain faithful to you and refuse to conform to standards and patterns of this world. **Amen**

**THURSDAY, June 16, 2022:** [Psalm 42 and 43](#); [Genesis 24:1-21](#); [Romans 2:17-29](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God." – Psalm 42:1

**PRAYER:** Gracious and Loving God, may my soul yearn for you all the days of my life. **Amen**

**FRIDAY, June 17, 2022:** [Psalm 42 and 43](#); [Job 6:14-30](#); [Galatians 3:15-22](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." Psalm 42:5

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit, please help me put my Hope in God even in days when my soul is downcast and disturbed. **Amen**

**SATURDAY, June 18, 2022:** [Psalm 42 and 43](#); [Proverbs 11:3-13](#); [Matthew 9:27-34](#)

**MEMORY VERSE:** "By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life." Psalm 42:8

**PRAYER:** Our Father in heaven – you are the God of our lives and thank you for your unending love. **Amen**



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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## **Sunday 12 June**

**Pray daily:** Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

**Scripture Reading:** John 16:12-15

### **Activity/Family Moment:** **Play broken telephone**

Did you know that we can have a power within us that will guide us. That power comes from the Holy Spirit.

The Bible says when Jesus knew it was time for Him to leave the earth and return to Heaven, He called His friends, the disciples together. He said He would leave His Holy Spirit to live in them. When we believe in Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes to live in us, too.

**Ask:** the children to share if they believe in Jesus and why they do.

We can't see the Holy Spirit Jesus puts in us, but we know He's there because we can feel His power. we can see the Holy Spirit guiding us each day

Share a few examples of how the Holy Spirit can guide us

For example, you might say, *"Maybe we come to church and people start singing. The Holy Spirit might guide us to sing to God with thankfulness and joy."* Or *"Maybe we see a lonely boy. The Holy Spirit might guide us to talk to him and share Jesus love with him."*

When we stay close to God, we feel the power of His Holy Spirit guiding us. Let's pray and thank God for sending the Holy Spirit to be our guide.

### **Prayer:**

God, thank You for sending Your Holy Spirit to guide us in the way You want us to go. Help us to stay close to You, so that we can feel the power of Your Holy Spirit in our life. In Jesus' name, amen.