

## RCMI L-Path Teaching

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### TITLE: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

TEXT: John 16: 12-15

Big Idea: The Spirit of truth guides us into all truth and equips us to glorify Christ.

#### INTRO:

- The late Dr. A. W. Tozer said, “If the *Holy Spirit* were withdrawn from the church today, 95 percent of what we do would go on, and no one would know the difference. If the *Holy Spirit* had been withdrawn from the New Testament Church, 95 percent of what they did would stop, and everybody would know the difference.”
- Last week, we talked about the Holy Spirit’s work in the world now; now, let’s look together at the Holy Spirit’s work in His Church.
- “Just as the right relationship with Christ generates a Christian, so the proper relationship with the Holy Spirit breeds a spiritual man.” – Watchman Nee
- The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, but what is the truth the Spirit guides us to, and where can it be found?

### I. The Spirit of Truth Guides Us Into All Truth [v.13]

#### A. The Holy Spirit promises to be our **guide**.

- It comes from the Greek “*hodegeo*,” which means to lead on one’s way, to give guidance.
- Living the life of a Christian is like being on a journey. It’s about moving from one point to the next. The Holy Spirit wants to be our guide on the “way.”

#### B. The Holy Spirit promises to guide us into all **truth**.

##### 1. Definition:

- Truth comes from the Greek word “*aletheia*” [“not” + “hidden”] – meaning “what is true in any matter under consideration; the truth about God; freedom from deceit.” The Holy Spirit is called the “Spirit of Truth,” He guides us into all “truth.”

##### 2. Rigorous Honesty

- The Romans had a phrase that has come into our English language as the word “sincere.” In Latin, the term means literally “without wax.”
- The concept came from the Roman marketplace; tricky pottery merchants developed a technique of mixing wax and clay and using the mixture to cover any cracks or breaks. So when you bought a pottery or a sculpture, you’d ask the merchant, “Is it sincere?” Is it without wax? Is it the real thing?
- God wants His people to be ‘sincere.’ He wants us to be the real thing.
- Maturing as a Christian is directly connected to what we do with the truth. [Eph. 4:15]

#### C. Application of the Truth

- Knowing the truth results in your freedom. [John 8:32]
- God changes our hearts through his Holy Spirit. This heart desires to love God.
- However, it’s not automatic; it’s progressive. We have to do our part. We are called to be disciples, and as such, we are to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit so we can mature and be transformed in the likeness of Christ.

### II. The Spirit of Truth Equips Us To Glorify Jesus. [v.14]

- Part of the work of the Holy Spirit is to glorify or exalt Jesus Christ. When the Holy Spirit is at work in us, He wants to do this same work of exalting Jesus Christ.

**A. We are equipped to do good work.**

**1. We need help to do something good.**

- Jesus gave us His Spirit to equip us to do good works. But, on our own and without God, we cannot do good things.
- Give God the glory in all you do. It is not you that does anything good but the Spirit of God in you, which enables you to do good.

**2. We can do good works because we have been made righteous through Christ.**

- We can do good works because we have been made righteous in Christ. He has given us the ability to glorify God in our good deeds. [Eph. 2:10]

**B. We are equipped to proclaim the Gospel.**

**1. Without God's Spirit, we proclaim the lies of the temporal world.**

- Without the Spirit, there is no understanding of God's word and no word itself. Therefore, the most important of all the good works the Spirit has equipped us for is proclaiming the Good News that God has restored his lost world through Jesus Christ.

**2. With God's Spirit, we proclaim Christ boldly.**

- Boldly tell the story of what you have been told. The Spirit equips you mightily; Jesus told his disciples before he was lifted to Heaven, *“but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you shall be my witnesses... to the ends of the world.”*

**CHALLENGE:**

- “As the sun can be seen only by its own light so that Christ can be known only by His own Spirit.” – Robert Leighton
- All the Father has belongs to Jesus. Jesus shares it with the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is here to share with you. [John 16:15]

**DISCUSSION:**

- What will the Spirit of truth tell the disciples?
- Whom will the Holy Spirit glorify?
- How will the truth be beneficial in your faith journey?