

***How Does God Guide Christians Through the Holy Spirit?***  
**Supplemental Digital Content for**  
***Spirit-Guided Care: Christian Nursing for the Whole Person***  
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As Christian nurses, we can be guided by Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. The passages and questions below explore what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit and his work in and through Christians. As you work through this study alone or in a group, ask God to teach you and show you how he wants to help you in your nursing practice.

1. *Read John 14:15-31 and John 15:26-27.*
  - a. What are the 3 ways Jesus identifies the One who will come after he leaves?
  - b. What does Jesus say about the Holy Spirit?
  - c. What are four (or more) things Jesus says the Holy Spirit will do for his followers?
2. *Read John 16:7-15.*
  - a. What role does the Holy Spirit play in bringing people to salvation?
  - b. Think about these statements in this passage: “He will guide you into all truth”  
“He will tell you what is yet to come”  
“He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.”  
In what ways are these statements helpful to you personally?
  - c. How do these promises of Jesus help us as we study the Bible?
  - d. How does this passage offer insight about a problem or challenge you are facing in your nursing work?
3. *Read Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4-8.*
  - a. After his resurrection and ascension to heaven, why did Jesus want the disciples to wait in Jerusalem?
  - b. What would happen to the disciples?
  - c. How would this experience change them? How does the Holy Spirit change you?
4. *Read Joel 2:28-32 and Acts 2.*
  - a. The outward signs of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost were the mighty rushing wind, the tongues of fire, and the disciples speaking in other languages. What inward signs or changes in the disciples do you see?
  - b. What differences do you see in Peter in Matthew 26:69-75 and Acts 2:14-41?
5. *Read 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 6:19-20; 2 Corinthians 6:16; John 7:37-39*
  - a. What do these verses say about where the Holy Spirit dwells?
  - b. The word temple means “a place dedicated to the service or worship of a deity” and “any place or object in which God dwells.” What are the implications of this for you personally?
  - c. Jesus said “streams of living water” would flow from within those who believe in him, referring to the Holy Spirit. What would “streams of living water” look like flowing from Christian nurses? From you?
6. *Read Romans 8*
  - a. What does this chapter say the Holy Spirit does for the Christian? For example, v. 2 – set me free from the law of sin and death, v. 6 – mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace, etc.
  - b. According to Romans 8, who controls the Christian?
  - c. v. 15-17 say we’ve received the Spirit of sonship and can cry “Abba, Father!” How does this help you?
  - d. What does the Holy Spirit do for us in v. 26-27?
7. *Read Ephesians 1:15-23.*
  - a. Name four things the Holy Spirit does for us according to v. 17-19?
  - b. The Greek word for power is “dunamis,” from which we get “dynamite.” Dunamis raised Jesus from the dead and also helps us. What are the implications of this in your nursing practice?
8. *Read Acts 8:9; 10:19; 13:2; 16:6-7; Revelation 2:7*
  - a. What do these verses imply about the Holy Spirit’s ability to communicate with people?
  - b. What did the Christians in Acts do to receive the Holy Spirit’s guidance?
  - c. What do you need to do to receive help from the Holy Spirit?
  - d. What do Matthew 10:17-20; Mark 13:11; Luke 12:11-12 say about the Holy Spirit helping us know what to say in tough spots?