

Supernatural: Ghosts | November 15, 2017

Discussion Guide

The Scoop

Do you believe in ghosts? This is probably a question we have been asked or have asked at some point in our lives. Many of us can answer confidently one way or another, and others of us wrestle with it. Let's take a look at what the Bible says.

Key Verse

John 14:15-17 (NLT)

If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive him, because it isn't looking for him and doesn't recognize him. But you know him, because he lives with you now and later will be in you.

Discussion

Haunted houses and ghosts intrigue us. They spark our imagination and our desire to be able to communicate in other realms. Some of us have ghost stories and have no idea how anybody couldn't believe in something of this nature. Others of us cannot understand how anyone can believe in something so far fetched.

- 1. Are you someone who likes haunted houses, ghosts stories, and horror films?
- 2. Do you have a ghost story? If so, what is it? If not, do you even believe in ghosts?

Beliefs on ghosts are extremely widespread and it can be difficult to know what exactly to believe. Because of the way we tell "ghost stories," it can be hard to separate the lore from potential real life supernatural connections. Regardless of how you feel about the stereotypical "ghost stories," the truth is the Holy Ghost is a significant part of what Jesus teaches us about our interaction with God.

What have you been taught about the Holy Ghost/Holy Spirit? What do you believe about it?

The Trinity is made up of God in 3 persons: God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God is essentially the architect of the world and our lives, Jesus came to lay the foundation for living our lives, and the Holy Spirit is the conduit for communicating and interacting with God. John 14:15-17 shows Jesus explaining the Holy Spirit to the disciples as something that lives inside us and helps us recognize when God is interacting with us.

- 4. Can you think of a time when you felt the presence of God?
- 5. What are some ways you can be more in-tune to the nudges of God through the Holy Spirit?

What's Next?

Whether or not you believe in "ghost stories," it is clear that God wants us to be in tune to the supernatural through the Holy Spirit. God uses a variety of things to nudge us, prompts us, and interact with us...one of which is the Holy Spirit. This week, as you live out your faith, pay attention to the times that God may be communicating to you through the Holy Spirit.