

# MIDWEEK

## “Knees to the Earth”

### Lesson 3: The Lampstand, The Holy Spirit

#### ICE BREAKER:

Take a moment and share with your table one takeaway from week 2 that stood out to you. Share and celebrate a special moment during your quiet time or maybe even through last week’s closing challenge.

#### QUESTION 1:

Begin this discussion by your table through the doors of your home. Identify a piece of furniture or a decorative item that may seem insignificant to a new guest, but has great value to you. Take a moment and describe this item, and share why this item has so much value to you.

*“And there shall be six branches going out of its sides, three branches of the lampstand out of one side of it and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it; You shall make seven lamps for it. And the lamps shall be set up so as to give light on the space in front of it.”*

*-Exodus 25: 32, 37*

*“There shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots: And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him: The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord”*

*- Isaiah 11:1-2*

#### STATEMENT:

*Exodus 25: 32, and 37 show us that the lampstand was built with one center stem that had six stems branch out with three stems on each side. This is a representation of the Holy Spirit as He is described in Isaiah 11:1-2. The Holy Spirit brings light to wisdom, understanding, counsel, might, knowledge, and a fear of the Lord. Think back on the illustration used when the screen went dark. The items in the room were still present, with or without light, but they were much more visible with light. We also have things in us that the Holy Spirit wants to bring to light. The lampstand and the Holy Spirit do not create new things, they light up and illuminate what has been there.*

## QUESTION 2:

Take a moment and discuss how light (illumination) changes everything. Discuss some obvious reasons why this is true, but also use Isaiah 11:1-2 as a guide for how spiritual illumination is there for our benefit.

*“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.”*

*- John 14:16-17*

## QUESTION 3:

The word “Advocate” found in John 14: 16-17, also reads as “*Paraclete*” in Greek, has the meaning of: Comforter, Encourager, or Counselor. Discuss how these characteristics can help you on a daily basis. Can these attributes help you in fighting off the negative perception you may have about you or in your circumstances?

## STATEMENT:

*Communion in Greek is “Koinonia” which can be defined as fellowship, partnership, or intimacy. There are many examples in the Bible of the Holy Spirit not just listening to prayers, but communicating to and through people.*

## QUESTION 4:

Share with your table a time where you were prompted to do something outside your comfort zone. You knew this urge was from the Holy Spirit. How did you respond? What emotion caused your response - or no response?

## CLOSING CHALLENGE

At the end of the video, there were a few action steps listed to work on building a healthier relationship with the Holy Spirit. Take time this week in your quiet time to put into practice what we have learned.

1. Ask simple questions (ex. Is this what you have for me? Who do you say I am? Yes or no questions)
2. Respond in boldness. When the Holy Spirit speaks, because He will, respond in obedience to what He is asking you to do.
3. Evaluate your fellowship, partnership, and intimacy connections with the Holy Spirit.