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Today's Scripture Passages:

Acts 1:8

⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

John 16:5-15

⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned. ¹² "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. ¹³ 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. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. ¹⁵ 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."

Questions

1. According to these passages why did God send the Holy Spirit?
2. According to these passages why is it "best" for us to receive the Holy Spirit?
3. The Spirit is a gift to us. (Jn. 14:16) What are some reasons we give gifts to others? Why did God give us the Spirit?
4. What clues are there here that the Spirit is a person?
5. What does this passage teach us about the relationship of persons in the Trinity?
6. What three things does the Spirit "convict of" and how do these relate to our witness?

Prayer:

1. Pray for our elders.
2. Pray for our search team, those they are interviewing and their families.
3. Pray for effective witness by our people.