

Standalone Sermon

LIFE GROUP NOTES



HEBREWS 10:11-18 - PENTECOST

GETTING STARTED...

In many ways Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. Yes, there have been believers long before that first Pentecost, but the Church of Jesus as we know it today was born with the coming of the Holy Spirit. It is really the work of the Holy Spirit that defines the church, as he empowers, sustains and transforms believers. This Pentecost we want to remind ourselves of the incredible impact that the Holy Spirit makes, as he takes the work of Jesus and applies it into our lives. Not only in coming to know Jesus, but also in our daily lives as we seek to follow Jesus. The Holy Spirit is the one who helps us, convicts us, and gives us the desire and strength to put our faith into practice. Let us honour the Holy Spirit's work in our lives by our dedication to follow his leading as we give all glory to God!

READ THE TEXT: HEBREWS 10:11-18

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:

I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,"

¹⁷ then he adds,

"I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

UNDERSTANDING THE WORD

1. What is the point that the writer of Hebrews is trying to make in this passage? How does the Old Testament priestly practice point us to Jesus?
2. Look at verse 14, how is it that people who have been perfected still are being sanctified? How does understanding the difference between Justification and Sanctification help us in our Christian walks?
 - a. *Justification* – the legal declaration of being righteous before God
 - b. *Sanctification* – the gradual process of becoming more holy

REFLECTING ON THE SERMON

3. What was the main point of the sermon?
4. What has God been impressing on your heart from the sermon?

APPLYING THE POINT

5. How do we put this into practice?

Agassiz & Lake Errock What are the works of Jesus that the Holy Spirit bears witness to? How is sanctification both a *point in time* action and an *ongoing* action in our lives? Why is the Holy Spirit important to the church? What is one evidence of the work of God's Spirit in your life?

Chilliwack Why is it significant that verse 15 tells us that the Holy Spirit spoke the words of the prophet Jeremiah and writes them on our hearts? How have you experienced the work of the Holy Spirit in your life in illuminating what the Word of God says and providing you with the strength to do it?

Harrison [Compassion Sunday] Have you ever been the recipient of a compassionate act or gift from a follower of Christ? How did it impact your faith in Jesus? How might you point others to faith in Christ through acts of compassion?

Promontory How did you become a Christian? Where can you see (in hindsight) the Holy Spirit's work in your heart? How have you seen yourself growing in your faith over this last year? How do you respond if you haven't seen much? How can you take steps to conform your life more to Jesus, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit?

PRAYING & SHARING

1. How can you share what you have learned with... another believer?
An unbeliever?

2. Share and pray for one another in your life group. How can you specifically pray for and encourage one another in response to this text?



How to Use this Guide

This guide is intended to help facilitate Central Life Groups as they meet to understand the Bible passage, discuss the sermon, and how to put it into practice in our lives. What is contained in this guide is not an exhaustive text analysis nor a full list of questions that can or should be asked during Life Group. This is simply a guide to help **start conversations that are centered on the Word of God.**

The Life Group Guide is separated into three main sections that are arranged with an intentional order: *Understanding the Word*, *Reflecting on the Sermon*, and *Applying the Point*. We want to first understand the Word of God, and then check that understanding by what has been preached, and then discuss how to put it into practice in our own lives. The order is intended to imitate the process of how the Word of God makes changes in our lives. Head, heart, hands, and all of it wrapped in prayer.

While the meaning of a text doesn't change, the way that we are called to apply it may look different from campus to campus, and even person to person. To reflect this distinction, you will see application questions from each campus in this guide.

Start with the question(s) from your campus and then look at others to see if they are helpful for your group. You may be surprised how similar or different they end up being and how the diversity brings a fuller understanding to how we can apply the Word of God.

Our goal is not that you answer every question in this guide, but that you are able to discuss the Word of God in a way **that helps everyone follow Jesus together!**

*“Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.” - Psalm 111:2*