

WHY WE
LOVE
THIS CHURCH

Introduction

In Part 5, Jamie and Kim share why the Vineyard is committed to being a "Come Holy Spirit" church, dependent on the Spirit's power, guidance, and gifts while remaining grounded in God's Word. They explain how the Holy Spirit empowers ordinary people for prayer, ministry, healing, discernment, and faithful service without hype or performance.

They also emphasize the vital role of prayer in sustaining the church, its leaders, and the next season of leadership.

Part 5: Because We Are "Come Holy Spirit" People

Luke 4:14-19
14Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news
about him spread through the whole countryside. 15He was
teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.
16He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on
the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom.
He stood up to read, 17and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah
was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is
written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me,
because he has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners
and recovery of sight for the blind,
to set the oppressed free,
19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

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Message notes:

It encompasses the fact that we know that we can't do _____ in God's kingdom without his spirit.

We are _____ of God people but we're also _____ of God people.

So to say, "Come, Holy Spirit" is to acknowledge, I _____ the Holy Spirit.

We want to be _____ people at the vineyard.

We want to be able to say to people, the only explanation we can give you how we've gotten where we are today is by the _____ of God, the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

Be _____. Don't be afraid of the Holy Spirit. Don't be afraid to welcome Him in His fullness in your life.

We are people that know we need the Holy Spirit, therefore we need _____.

May the Vineyard forever be filled, empowered, anointed with the power of the Lord. May He always be _____ at everything we do.

Additional notes:

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Jamie describes a tension between being a "Word of God church" (focuses on Scriptural truth) and a "Spirit of God church" (focuses on openness to the Holy Spirit). What has helped you hold both in balance?

2. Jesus declared in Luke 4:18-19 that the Spirit of the Lord was upon him to bring freedom, healing, and good news to the marginalized. In what practical ways do you sense the Holy Spirit calling you to participate in that same mission today?

3. The message emphasizes that saying 'Come Holy Spirit' is an act of surrender and welcome, rather than a formula. What kind of things hold you back from genuine surrender to the Holy Spirit?

4. John Wimber's illustration of the menu versus the meal suggests that knowing Scripture is not the same as experiencing its life-giving power. In your own walk with God, have you ever found yourself focusing on learning more about Scripture without growing in intimacy with the Father?

5. Pastors Kim and Jamie emphasize that unexplainable outcomes in ministry and life are often the result of unseen prayer from others. How does this reality shape the way you think about the value and impact of your own private prayer life?

Ministry Time:

As you pray for each other, take turns praying simply, inviting the Holy Spirit to work rather than manufacture the right words.

Pray for those who have hesitations or fears about the Holy Spirit's work in their life. Ask God to replace the fear with openness, and to impart His gifts generously, producing the fruit that only He can grow.

Pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal which fruit of the Spirit is most visibly present in your lives right now. Ask Him to guide each of you to someone who knows you well and whom you trust to honestly identify what they believe the Lord may be developing in you.