



LIFE GROUP NOTES
For week commencing: 09/06/2024

Holy Spirit

The Work of the Holy Spirit

Life Group Activities

Use the Three Thirds structure for your gathering together.

Looking Back

- Mutual Care – How are you doing?

- Worship & Prayer
 - Worship
 - Pray
 - Communion

- Loving Accountability
 - How did you follow?
 - How did you fish? (Ask how many gospel shares in the last week)

- Vision Cast – Why are we meeting like this?
 - Talk about your vision for social events / outreach and how you will care and encourage one another.

Looking up

Discovery Bible Study Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Discovery Bible Study Notes can be found below for reference.

- Follow the DBS notes below:
 - Can you summarise the teaching from this week?
 - Do you think that you can teach this to those you are discipling?
- How are you going to apply this teaching to your life?

Looking Forward

- Practice – Practice the Three Circles or your People Map
- Set Goals:
 - Use C.O.S.T.
 - Connect – How am I going to connect with God this week?
 - Obey – How am I going to be obedient this week?
 - Share – Who am I going to share the gospel with or pray with this week?
 - Teach – Who can I encourage with this message this week?
- Pray together for the filling of the Holy Spirit

Discovery Bible Study Notes for Reference

- Review the teaching so far
 - The coming of the Holy Spirit
 - The Person of the Holy Spirit
 - How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

The Work of the Holy Spirit

- Throughout scripture, but particularly true in the new covenant age, where the Holy Spirit is the primary manifestation of the Trinity among us
- The Holy Spirit is involved in much of the work of the Trinity, such as:
 - creation
 - authority of scripture
 - prayer
 - mission
 - etc.
- Certain works are specific to the Holy Spirit such as:
 - the filling of the Holy Spirit
 - the gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Wayne Grudem says;
 - The work of the Holy Spirit is to manifest the active presence of God in the word, and especially in the church.
- The Holy Spirit is the member of the trinity being present to do God's work
- Old Testament predicted that the Holy Spirit would bring abundant blessing from God
 - Isa 32:14-18
- What ways does the Holy Spirit bring God's blessing?
- We can distinguish four aspects of the Holy Spirit work:
 - 1. The Holy Spirit empowers
 - 2. The Holy Spirit purifies
 - 3. The Holy Spirit reveals
 - 4. The Holy Spirit Unifies
- The Holy Spirit Empowers
 - He gives life
 - Holy Spirit gives life to everything, whether on the ground, sky or sea
 - Giving life, sustaining life human and animal life
 - Parallel with this Holy Spirit gives new life in regeneration
 - The Holy Spirit is involved (as are the Father and the Son) in our salvation.
 - Our positive response to the gospel, acknowledging Jesus as Lord is not self-initiated, it is initiated by the Holy Spirit

- 1 Corinthians 12:3
- Salvation requires a new birth and this new birth happens by the Spirit
- John 3:6-8
- When we are baptised into the body of Christ (the Church) this happens in the Spirit
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- The new life that the Holy Spirit brings is a life of freedom (2 Corinthians 3:17). We are free from the law of sin and death (Romans 8:2). We work out this freedom by walking in the Spirit and not in the flesh.
- This new life is also one in which we are adopted into the family of God (Romans 8:15). Like our Lord we pray “Abba” when addressing the Father.
- The new life is a fruitful life (Galatians 5:22-23). This will be discussed more in weeks 5, 6 and 7.
- The new life is a sanctified life. It is the Holy Spirit who continues to sanctify us (Romans 8:13).
- He guarantees our eternal hope
- We have been given the Holy Spirit as a guarantee (2 Corinthians 1:22, 5:1-5). We abound in hope (Romans 15:13).
- He Gives power for service
 - Repeatedly in the New Testament we find references to those filled with the Spirit and when we find these references they are usually followed by the word “and”.
 - In Luke 1:15-16, John the Baptist will be filled with the Spirit and turn many to the Lord.
 - In Luke 1:41-42 Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and pronounced a blessing on Mary.
 - In verse 67 of Luke 1, Zechariah is filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied.
 - In Acts 1:8, Jesus tells His disciples that they will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon them and they will be His witnesses.
 - In Acts 2:4 they were filled with the Spirit on the day of Pentecost and began to speak in other tongues.
 - In Acts 4:31 the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.
 - In Acts 13:9-10 Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit rebukes Elymas the magician.
 - It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to do the work that God has called us to do.
 - He also empowers us in times of persecution (Mark 13:9-13; Luke 12:11-12)
 - He gives gifts
 - The Holy Spirit is the distributor of gifts to the Church. His sovereignty in this task is highlighted in 1 Corinthians 12:11 and Hebrews 2:4). These gifts are not to be used for our glory but for the building up of the Church (1 Corinthians 14:12). The gifts will be covered in more detail later in the series.

- The Holy Spirit Purifies
 - He is the "Holy" Spirit, so he is making us holy
 - Cleansing us from sin
 - Sanctifying us
 - Even in the lives of unbelievers there is some restraining influence of the Holy Spirit as He convicts the world of sin.
 - John 16:8-11
 - When we become followers of Jesus the Holy Spirit does an initial cleansing work
 - 1 Corinthians 6:11
 - This is an initial break from sin and our old lives
 - Then the Holy Spirit continues in our lives to bring growth into holiness
 - Fruit of the Spirit
 - Galatians 5:22
 - 2 Corinthians 3:18
 - Romans 8:4
 - Romans 8:13

- The Holy Spirit Reveals
 - Revelation to Prophets and Apostles
 - OT the Holy Spirit revealed God's word to the Prophets
 - 2 Peter 1:21
 - NT the Holy Spirit revealed God's word to the Apostles
 - John 16:13
 - He Guides and Directs God's people
 - Matthew 4:1 - Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. (ESV)
 - Acts 8:29 - And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over and join this chariot." (ESV)
 - Acts 10:19-20 - And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. [20] Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." (ESV)
 - Acts 13:2 - While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (ESV)
 - Romans 8:14 - For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. (ESV)
 - Acts 15:28 - For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: (ESV)
 - Acts 20:28 - Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. (ESV)
 - He teaches and illuminates

- John 14:26 - But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. (ESV)
 - Luke 12:11-12 - [11] And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, [12] for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.” (ESV)
 - Ephesians 1:17 - that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, (ESV)
- The Holy Spirit unifies
 - Acts 2:16-18 - Holy Spirit came upon a community
 - A new community
 - Acts 2:44-47
 - 2 Cor 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (ESV)
 - Ephesians 4:1-3 - I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, [2] with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, [3] eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (ESV)
 - Don't Quench the Spirit
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:19 - Do not quench the Spirit. (ESV)
 - Isaiah 30:1 - “Ah, stubborn children,” declares the LORD, “who carry out a plan, but not mine, and who make an alliance, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; (ESV)
 - Deciding on their own wisdom, rather than seeking revelation from the Holy Spirit

The 3Thirds Discipleship Model		
Look back	Look up	Look forward
<p>1. Mutual care: How are you doing?</p> <p>2. Worship: Praising God in a simple, relevant way.</p> <p>3. Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ <i>Follow:</i> How did you obey the lesson from last time? ◦ <i>Fish:</i> Did you pray with anyone who was in need? ◦ Did you share your story and/or Jesus' story? ◦ Did you find a person of peace? <p>4. Casting vision for reaching lost people and making disciples.</p>	<p>5. New lesson: Enough Biblical content to obey and pass it on.</p> <p>Use the Discovery Bible Study Method:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Read the Bible Story b. Ask them to re-tell the story in their own words c. Ask four questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. What does this story tell us about God? ii. What does this story tell us about people? iii. Is there a command to obey or an example to follow or a promise to live by? iv. How does this apply to my life? 	<p>6. Practice the lesson until everyone is confident and competent to apply the learning. e.g. Retell your story, Jesus' story, or this week's story.</p> <p>7. Set goals</p> <p>Goals for personal growth, sharing the gospel, and training others.</p> <p>C.O.S.T. Connect Obey Share Teach</p> <p>8. Pray and Share Communion</p>
<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>	<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>	<p>1/3 of your time (e.g. 30 mins)</p>