John, the Coming of the Light 7/27/25 – Pastor Zach

John 16:13-14, Ezekiel 47:1-12, John 7:37-38, John 16:20, John 19:33, Rev 22:2

Connect: What is your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Where have you experienced the movement of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Engage: Zach shared 2 words: Guide and Declare

<u>Guide:</u> means show and tell and the invitation is participation. Not just to know it in your head but get it into your heart.

Where do you need the Holy Spirit to guide you?

<u>Declare:</u> making known and rehearse. Concept of the gospel – taking the truth of Christ Where do find your identity in Christ? If you struggle with that, where do you need to let the Holy Spirit enter into that?

When Christ was going to the Cross the disciples were going to be thrown into the chaos, and it would be dark, but I will send you with a guide – The Holy Spirit.

Ezekiel 47:1-12,

Zach talked about the Dead Sea and the En-gedi.

Do you have parts of your life that feel like the dead sea? Where do you need the fresh water of the En-gedi (Holy Spirit) There is an invitation. Where are you stuck? Can you believe in your heart and soul that those places you are stuck that Holy Spirit can come in and transform you into the person God wants you to be?

There are 2 Invitations to Come and See

1. Come: John 7:37-38 We have a guide; He will give us what we need but we must be vulnerable in asking.

Henry Nouwen: "Wounds when transformed by God's grace can become channels for God's healing love to flow to those who are also hurting."

How does that quote sit with you?

I need to love when I do not have the answers.

- 2. Invitation to become:
 - a. Where are you stuck? Where is the Trinity inviting you to become, not what you do? Those dead places will become streams of living water. Do you believe that?
 - b. Zach encouraged us to re-read the last part of John 15 into 16 Take some time to read it slowly and purposefully. What are you noticing?

Apply: What is the invitation from the Lord regarding this message? Where do you need to invite the Holy Spirit into the dead places of your life? Is there someone you need to share this with?