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Small Group Notes

Sermon: 2 October 2022

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SCRIPTURE

John 16:4-15

OVERVIEW

Sam started our series on The Spirit by talking about The Spirit of Truth. In John 16, Jesus is telling his disciples of his imminent departure, as well as warning them of persecution they will face. Yet, he reassures his disciples that he will send one to help them remember all he has taught them and will continue to speak to them as they share the gospel with the world – The Spirit of Truth.

Truth comes to us by the Spirit in 2 clear ways: through Scripture, and by God speaking directly to us today.

Scripture is God's primary revelation of himself to us and is without error. It is more than a human record – it's the very word of God authored by the Holy Spirit himself, so we can totally trust what we read in our Bibles.

As the Holy Spirit continues to speak to believers today, whatever he says will always align with Scripture – this is a reassuring measure for when we sense God is speaking to us. Another measure is whether what we sense God is saying glorifies Jesus, as the Spirit's role is not to make much of the Holy Spirit but to make much of Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. What thoughts and images cross your mind when we talk about being spiritual? Have you come across different types of spirituality?

2. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth. How do you find believing something to be absolutely true? What might cause us to struggle in doing so?
3. The Holy Spirit is the divine author of all Scripture. What do think this means for how we should approach reading Scripture?
4. The Spirit still speaks truth to us today, and what he says will always align with Scripture. Do you feel like you can sense God speaking to you in your day-to-day life? How easy do you find testing what you sense God saying against Scripture?