



Message Devotional & Discussion Questions

12/17/2023

SERIES: Jesus Story:

WEEK:3

MESSAGE: The Holy Spirit, God in Us

COMMUNICATOR: Pastor Kevin Geer

CHECKING IN: How was your week? What was one of the highlights? Share wins (things God did that moved his mission forward and you closer to Jesus). What did you put into practice from last week's devotional & discussion?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER AND DISCUSS: These questions work well individually or in a group. The goal is to encourage spiritual growth, enhance biblical community and live it in the world around you.

1. Describe your best friend. What makes them so special to you?
2. In this series we have talked about Emmanuel, God with us, God is us, and God in us. What have you learned about each and which one has challenged your thinking about your relationship with God?
3. Looking at Romans 8:11, Talk about what you think this verse is saying? Since this is true, what does this mean for the Christ follower? Please elaborate. How does it challenge you to walk closer with Jesus?
4. What misconceptions, questions or fears do you have regarding the Holy Spirit?
5. In Acts 1:8, the word for "power" is the same word we use for dynamite. How does this power from the Holy Spirit enhance the purpose God has for us as his followers? What are to be and do as a result of this power? What could that look like in your life context moving forward?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19-20. When you think about the Holy Spirit living in you: Is He leasing, squatting, or is He the owner? Please explain your answer.
7. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Which "fruit of the Spirit" reflects the best from your life? Which one would you like to be stronger in your life and why?
8. Do you ever feel like you live life in your own strength or are just tired of trying to be good? If so, take a moment and read Ephesians 5:18. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to fill you anew. Then read verses 19-21. What is a corresponding result and practice when you ask to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
9. When was the last time you asked for the Holy Spirit to strengthen, empower, lead, fill or heal you? Take time and pray for one or more of these requests.
10. **TRUTH DEMANDS A RESPONSE!** What is one action step you will take this week in response to our discussion or nudge from the Holy Spirit? Be specific.

WANT TO GROW DEEPER? We have created some resources to help you grow. Check out and explore the *Experience God* page. Go to canvas.church/experience-god or *Experience God* on the App.



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GROUP PRAYER OPTIONS:

- **Take about 30 seconds** and reflect upon how much God loves you, is smiling at you and His face is looking at you. When you're ready, share with Him out loud what you are feeling at this moment. It may be words of praise and thanksgiving, repentance, or questions.
- **Prayer Question:** "What's going on in our lives that we can involve Jesus?"
- **Ask:** What was one praise and one challenge you experienced this week? Celebrate the praises and pray for the challenges.
- **Ask** if anyone has a need or knows of a need, you can also offer "unspoken" prayer requests.
- **Pray for the person on your right**, *it can be out loud or in silence*, if in silence nudge the person next to you letting them know you are done.
- **Prayer Clusters:** Groups of two or three (by gender) and share your week together. Pray together and for each other. Send them a text, or leave a message letting them know you have prayed for them this week.
- **Have someone in your group keep an active list of the requests and the answers for both the updates and to celebrate the answers.**

Are you interested in the Bible and in helping Life Groups benefit from the weekend message? We have a team for you! Canvas members like you create these discussion guides each week. If you are interested in joining the team, please email rickz@canvas.church