

The Contemplative

May 24, 2026

1 LIFE engagement question:

ONE aim: To see God at work in the relationships He has placed around us and join Him in His work. Praying for others in this and sharing stories builds our faith and gives us courage. Be patient and extend grace to one another as each one of you devotes yourselves to following Jesus' lead in your relationships. Everyone does not need to share each time you meet. Let God lead and do the work.

What has God been showing you about himself, about you and/or about others through your relationship with your ONE?

Sermon Discussion

Read Mark 1:10-13; Luke 5:15-16; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

1. In John 20:21, Jesus says, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." What do you think Jesus meant by connecting His mission to ours?
2. In John 20:22, Jesus breathes on the disciples and says, "Receive the Holy Spirit." Why do you think this moment is described with breath rather than power or spectacle?
3. Mark 1:10-13 and Luke 5:15-16 both show Jesus withdrawing and being led by the Spirit. What do these passages teach us about the relationship between spiritual strength and solitude?
4. Second Corinthians 3:17-18 says, "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom." What kind of freedom do you think Paul is describing?
5. Across these passages, the Spirit seems to transform, guide, send, and sustain people. Which of those feels most needed in your life right now, and why?