



Discipleship Guide

Sermon: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Speaker: Pastor John Eric

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Key Takeaways

- The anointing (oil) comes from a life with the Holy Spirit through holiness, obedience, faith, and perseverance.
- We need to be around people filled with the Holy Spirit who can identify areas in our lives that need growth or change.
- True repentance means turning away from sin and walking towards God.
- Daily dependence on the Holy Spirit is crucial for Christian living.
- The gospel is the only power that can truly change us.

Discussion Questions

1. The pastor mentioned that "the anointing breaks every yoke." What does this mean to you, and have you experienced this in your life?
2. How can we cultivate more of the Holy Spirit's presence in our daily lives? What practical steps can we take?
3. The sermon emphasized the importance of dealing with the "root" of our issues rather than just the "fruit." Can you share an example of how you've seen this principle at work in your own life or someone else's?

4. How do you typically respond when someone points out an area of sin or needed growth in your life? How can we become more open to this kind of spiritual guidance?
 5. The pastor talked about the importance of repentance. How would you explain the difference between true repentance and just feeling sorry for our actions?
 6. What role does community play in our spiritual growth and ability to hear from the Holy Spirit? How can we better support each other in this area?
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Practical Applications:

1. Start each day this week by inviting the Holy Spirit into your day. Keep a journal of how this impacts your daily experiences.
2. Identify one area in your life where you need breakthrough. Commit to praying specifically about this area and seeking godly counsel if needed.
3. Practice "listening prayer" - spend 10 minutes each day in silence, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you and reveal any areas that need attention in your life.
4. If there's someone you need to reconcile with or reach out to, take a step towards that this week, trusting in the Holy Spirit's guidance.
5. Memorize a scripture about the Holy Spirit's work in our lives (e.g., Galatians 5:22-23, John 14:26, or Romans 8:26).

Closing Prayer: Thank God for His Holy Spirit and ask for a fresh filling and renewed sensitivity to His leading in your lives.

5-Day Devotionals

Day 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Reading: Acts 1:1-8, Acts 2:1-4

Devotional: The sermon emphasized the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of believers. Just as the early disciples were filled with power when the Holy Spirit came upon them, we too need that same power in our lives today. Reflect on areas where you feel powerless or inadequate. How might inviting the Holy Spirit to work in those areas change things? Ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit, empowering you to live boldly for Him and to be His witness in the world.

Day 2: Repentance and Renewal

Reading: Ezekiel 36:25-27, Acts 3:19-20

Devotional: The pastor spoke about the need for repentance - not just saying sorry, but truly turning away from sin and towards God. God promises to give us a new heart and put His Spirit within us. Consider what areas of your life need renewal. Are there sins you've been holding onto or justifying? Take time to confess these to God, asking Him to cleanse you and give you the strength to turn away from them. Thank Him for His mercy and the new life He offers through Christ.

Day 3: Living by Faith

Reading: Galatians 2:20, Hebrews 11:1-6

Devotional: The sermon touched on the importance of faith and trusting God even when we can't see the outcome. Living by faith means relying on God's promises rather than our own understanding or abilities. What situations are you facing right now that require faith? How can you practically demonstrate trust in God in those areas? Ask God to increase your faith and help you walk confidently in His promises.

Day 4: Freedom in Christ

Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Devotional: The pastor emphasized that we are called to be free in Christ, but that this freedom should lead us to holiness, not license to sin. Reflect on what true freedom in Christ means. How does it differ from the world's definition of freedom? Consider the fruits of the Spirit listed in this passage. Which ones do you see growing in your life? Which ones need more cultivation? Ask the Holy Spirit to produce His fruit in you as you walk in the freedom Christ offers.

Day 5: God's Presence in Suffering

Reading: Romans 8:18-39

Devotional: The sermon acknowledged that following Christ doesn't exempt us from difficulties, but assured us of God's presence in our suffering. This passage reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Think about challenges you're currently facing. How might viewing them through the lens of God's unwavering love change your perspective? Take time to thank God for His constant presence, even in your darkest moments. Ask Him to help you trust His goodness and purposes, even when you can't understand your circumstances.