



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything about the message today that you'd like to discuss further? Anything that was particularly helpful?
2. In John 15:5 Jesus says, "*Apart from Me you can do nothing.*" Since Christ has ascended to the Father, the only way we can be *in Christ* and Christ can be *in us* is through the Holy Spirit. Do you think of the Holy Spirit as central to your spirituality?
3. In the message today pastor Wes said that "*it's better to have the Spirit INSIDE you than to have Jesus BESIDE you.*" Do you believe that? Have any questions? How would our lives/church look different if we really believed that the way Jesus wanted us to?
4. Some talk about WORD based churches or SPIRIT filled churches but the reality is the Word and Spirit work together. Have you heard people create this false dichotomy? Discuss how the Spirit and Word work together in your own life? In our church?
5. Read John 15:9-17. How does the Holy Spirit help us obey the commands in this text?
6. When Jesus ascended in the Heaven he told his disciples to wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. It was a way of reminding them that they needed to Holy Spirit to be effective in their mission. Is God asking you to wait, encouraging dependence on Him?
7. Discuss the ministry of the Holy Spirit in your life when he serves as your (1) counselor, (2) teacher/reminder, (3) intercessor, (4) power for mission/obedience, (5) helper.
8. If we want to walk by the Spirit, we must not feed the flesh. What needs to stop in your life? What needs to start? How can you starve the flesh and feed the Spirit? Will you?
9. What practical changes will you make to your lifestyle? How can we help/pray for you?