

Summary

The sermon focuses on the importance of the Holy Spirit in Christian life, emphasizing that He is not just a symbolic dove but a person with whom believers can have a real, intimate relationship. The pastor explains that the Holy Spirit is generous, gives gifts, and desires to help believers in every aspect of their lives. He emphasizes three key aspects of fellowship (koinonia) with the Holy Spirit: companionship, partnership, and intimacy.

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Holy Spirit, we ask that You would open our hearts and minds to better understand the intimate relationship You desire to have with each of us. Help us to be sensitive to Your Spirit's leading during our discussion and teach us how to better recognize Your voice in our daily lives. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Ice Breaker

When someone says 'fellowship,' what's the first thing that comes to your mind and why?

Key Verses

1. John 14:16
2. John 14:26
3. Acts 1:8
4. 2 Corinthians 13:14
5. James 4:5

Questions

1. How do you typically recognize the Holy Spirit's voice in your life?
2. What misconceptions about the Holy Spirit have you encountered or personally held?
3. In what areas of your life do you most need the Holy Spirit's help right now?
4. How has the Holy Spirit worked as a partner in your life recently?
5. What prevents us from developing a deeper intimacy with the Holy Spirit?
6. How can we cultivate a greater sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's presence?
7. What's the difference between working FOR God versus working WITH God?
8. How might our relationships with others improve if we develop a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Life Application

This week, set aside 10 minutes each day for intentional fellowship with the Holy Spirit. During this time, be still, listen for His voice, and journal any impressions, thoughts, or directions you receive. Pay attention to how this daily practice affects your relationships and decision-making throughout the week.

Key Takeaways

1. The Holy Spirit is a person with whom we can have a real, intimate relationship, not just a symbol
2. Fellowship with the Holy Spirit involves companionship, partnership, and intimacy
3. The Holy Spirit yearns for relationship with us and wants to help in every area of our lives
4. True transformation comes from the inside out through relationship with the Holy Spirit
5. The Holy Spirit's presence enables us to better minister to others and build stronger relationships

Ending Prayer

Holy Spirit, thank You for Your desire to have fellowship with us. We acknowledge our need for Your help, guidance, and presence in our lives. Help us to be more aware of Your voice and leading, and give us the courage to respond when You prompt us. Develop in us a deeper yearning for intimacy with You. Transform us from the inside out as we learn to walk in closer fellowship with You. In Jesus' name, Amen.