The Holy Spirit and Prayer

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OPENING PRAYER

Ask God to open your hearts and minds to understand more about the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 Timothy 3:16-17

(memorize and mediate this one)

John 14:6

John 1:1-5, 14

Hebrews 4:12

2 Samuel 11:1-17

Samuel 12:1-7

James 1:22-24

John 14:26

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- The Bible is God-breathed and meant to be transformational, not just informational.
- 2. The Holy Spirit brings God's Word to life so it can bring transformation to our lives.
- 3. Scripture is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness.
- 4. We need both the Bible and the Holy Spirit working together in our lives.

QUESTIONS

- 1. Pastor Sean mentioned that "spiritual formation is not a Christian thing, it's a human thing." What do you think this means? How have you seen this play out in your own life or in society?
- 2. How do you typically approach reading the Bible? Do you tend to read for information or transformation? Share your experiences.

- 3. The sermon emphasized the importance of applying what we learn from Scripture. What are some challenges you face in applying God's Word to your daily life?
- 4. How do you typically respond when the Bible confronts or rebukes you? Share a time when you experienced this and how you handled it.
- 5. The pastor said, "The Spirit isn't going to just rebuke you and leave you high and dry. He's going to give you a way to make it right." How have you experienced the Holy Spirit's guidance in correcting areas of your life?
- 6. Discuss the statement: "Correction is your formation process." How does this change your perspective on facing correction or rebuke?
- 7. In light of recent events mentioned in the sermon, how can we as Christians respond in a way that points people to Jesus rather than contributing to division?

PRACTICE

- 1. Bible Reading Challenge: Commit to reading a passage of Scripture daily this week, using the SOAP method (Scripture, Observation, Application, Prayer) or Lectio Divina as mentioned in the sermon.
- 2. Prayer Partner: Find a partner in the group to pray with before reading the Bible this week, asking God to speak through His Word.
- 3. Accountability Check: Share one area where you feel the Holy Spirit is prompting you to make a change. Ask the group to lovingly hold you accountable in this area.
- 4. Memorization: Choose a key verse from the sermon (e.g., 2 Timothy 3:16-17) to memorize together as a group.
- 5. Reflection Journal: Start a journal to record insights from your Bible reading and how you're applying them in your daily life.

CLOSING PRAYER

Close the session by praying for each other, asking God to help apply the truths discussed and to be open to the Holy Spirit's work in your lives.

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION & MEMORIZATION

2 Timothy 3:16