

Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

Series: Make Room: Creating Space for the Spirit to Work

Message: Part II – Holy Spirit Power?

Speaker: Shawn Vandop

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Connect (30min)

1. **Happy Trails** – What are your favorite trails and parks in the Chilliwack area?
When's the last time you enjoyed one of your favorites? Is there a trail or park you'd like to try for the first time?
2. **Check-In** – In groups of 3-4. Share how you're doing on a scale of 1-10 (poor to amazing) in these areas.
*Physical Health ___ *Mental Health ___ *Spiritual Health ___. Respond with praise and prayer for one another.

Message Discussion (35min)

[Optional Video: [The Bible Project: Holy Spirit](#) 4min]

1. **Message Feedback**

- a. What jumped out at you from Sunday's message? What thoughts or questions did you walk away with?
- b. How was your awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence this past week?
- c. What comes to mind when you hear the word "Pentecostal?"

2. **Fantastic Feasts**

- a. Shawn talked about three *Feasts* that marked Israel's yearly calendar.
Do you recall what they were and when they happened?
 - i. [Feast of Passover](#) – in the first month of the year.
 - ii. [Feast of Pentecost](#) – in the third month of the year.
 - iii. [Feast of Tabernacles](#) – in the seventh month of the year.
- b. What did each of the feast celebrate?
 - i. **Feast of Passover**
– commemorated when the Angel of Death PASSED OVER the people of Israel while they were in Egypt.
 - ii. **Feast of Pentecost**
– celebrated the giving of the Law at Mt. Sinai where God gave the 10 commandments.
 - iii. **Feast of Tabernacles**
– celebrated the Exodus of the people of Israel out of Egypt when God dwelled in them in a tent called a Tabernacle. There were three feasts in this week-long festival – Feast of Trumpets, Feast of Atonement and Feast of Tabernacles.
- c. The Biblical Feasts of Israel all point to Jesus! How does Jesus fulfill each of these feasts?
[www.oneforisrael.org/holidays/the-biblical-feasts-of-israel-all-point-to-jesus]
 - i. **Feast of Passover**
– Jesus is the final sacrifice, the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
 - ii. **Feast of Pentecost**
– What the Spirit did at Pentecost is give us power to write the law of God on and in our hearts instead of, lie in the Old Testament where the law was outside of people, and it was something they had to do but did not have the power to do.
 - iii. **Feast of Tabernacles**
– the Feast of Tabernacles is not yet fulfilled by Jesus, but it will be. How?
One day a trumpet is going to sound and then there will be a judgement, but because of the atonement of Jesus blood we will tabernacle with Jesus for all eternity. We will be in his presence.

3. Wind, Fire & Witnesses

- a. Read [Acts 2:1-13](#). Share your initial thoughts on this passage, and what stands out to you.
- b. Why did the Holy Spirit come as the “sound of a rushing wind” and as “flames of fire?”
How do these two manifestations of the Holy Spirit connect the Old Testament and the New Testament?
- c. Have you ever been in a powerful windstorm?
Shawn demonstrated how a tornado can take weak things and make them powerful things. (with photos)
How does God do the same with us? Have you experienced His power in your own life in this way? Share.
- d. Read [Acts 1:8](#).
 - i. What did Jesus say He would empower us to be through His Spirit? How do you feel about that?
 - ii. What would it look like for you to be empowered to witness by the Holy Spirit?
 - iii. How might this be displayed through different people? (spiritual gifts, personality, culture, and context)
- e. Read [1 Corinthians 4:20](#).
 - i. What’s the difference between being the kind of Christian who talks about God and being a Christian who lives in the power of God?
 - ii. How does this connect with your faith journey so far?

Challenge & Prayer (25min)

Challenge:

- a. Read [Acts 2:38-29](#).
How does repentance and baptism open up our lives to experience the power of the Holy Spirit?
- b. Take some steps (if you haven’t already) to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.
 - > **Get Baptized.** Baptism Sunday is April 14. Register at www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism
 - > **Participate in our Set Free Retreat.** April 5-6. Register at www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free

Prayer:

- a. **Pray this prayer every day this week:**
“God, help me to make room in my heart and life for all that the Holy Spirit has for me and wants to do in me.”
- b. **Commit as a group to attend our upcoming Prayer Summit.** Sunday, March 24. 6pm-7:30pm.
- c. **Pray for one another.** How can we pray for you in response to the message and discussion?
- d. **Pray through our 2024 Prayer Goals as a group:**

**20 PRAYER
24 GOALS**

A PASSION TO PRAY. Personally, and corporately. That we would become a church OF prayer.

A FRESH VISITATION of the Holy Spirit that results in a willingness to respond to all He gives us and calls us to.

For at least 200 new people to **ATTEND** our Set Free and Empower Retreats.

That we **MAKE ROOM** for more people to experience wholeness in Christ.