



This past Sunday, Pastor John continued in the new year's sermon series by preaching on what it looks like to flow with God's spirit. As 2017 is just beginning, let's consider what this might look like practically in this new year.

FAMILY TIME

Take some time to share prayer requests and praise reports with each other and encourage folks to keep praying for each other's prayer requests throughout the week and to believe that these will become future praise reports.

Follow up from last week: Give space to folks if they'd like to share how things went this past week as they sought to take practical steps in order to develop the characteristics that Mary exhibited.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church-Wide Fast (Sunday, January 15 at 6PM to Wednesday, January 18 at 6PM): An opportunity to create space early on in this new year to fast together with the Epicentre Church body. We'll break fast together on Wednesday at 6:30PM in the Hope Room. We will be providing a prayer guide for this.

World Mandate West (Friday, January 27 to Saturday, January 28): Our annual Antioch church missions conference in San Diego. This is a chance for us to take a weekend to hear about what God is doing locally and globally and to be encouraged to step into God's larger story. Given traffic on a Friday afternoon, we'd recommend folks take a half-day at work in order to head down early enough to be fully present throughout the weekend. Go [here](#) for more info.

1 COR 2:9-14

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Introduction Question: What is your understanding of the Spirit of God?

Possible Discussion Questions:

- What do we learn about the Spirit of God?

- Where does the Spirit of God come from?
- What is the Spirit of God's role?
- How do we receive the Spirit of God?
- How do we know if we have the Spirit of God?
- What does it look like to allow the Spirit of God to teach us?

Reflection Question: What does it mean to me that the Spirit of God is with me? How can I be more attuned to the Spirit of God on a weekly/daily basis?

Small Groups: Break up into groups of 3-4 to share about the reflection questions. Then take time to pray for each other to be able to take steps to become more attuned to the Spirit of God in this new year.

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