

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 14:16-26

ICEBREAKER

Describe a moment in your life where you desperately needed help with something. Or maybe it was a time that you provide help to someone in need.

GROUP CONVERSATION

Tonight we discuss who the Holy Spirit is, what He does, and where He resides.

- READ JOHN 14:16-26 -

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

Matt started the message teaching on the Trinity. Was there anything that stood out to you...or was new information...or challenged you?

In verse 18 and 23 Jesus promised without reservation that "I will not leave you as orphans, I will come to you." "The Father and I will come and make up our home with him." Spend some time discussing how we can become more aware of this reality? I.e. what must we do practically? What conditions must be met before we get the indwelling of the Holy Spirit?

What does it mean to be Spirit-filled? How about Spirit-led? Is there a difference?

Would would a Spirit-filled or Spirit-led church look like?

The Bible says that the Holy Spirit is our PARACLETE. The English language doesn't really have a word to describe it...the closest we've come is "Helper, Comforter, Counselor. Paraclete literally means someone who stands beside you and speaks for you. It's so easy to give into the lies that bombard your mind...Have you ever experienced a tangible example of the Paraclete standing with you or speaking for you? How did that experience feel?

The Holy Spirit always points to Jesus. He's fine playing 2nd fiddle..not being in the spotlight. The same is true for the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Their sole purpose is to point to Jesus. What are the gifts of the HS? What has your experience with the gifts of the Spirit been? How have you seen them used correctly...or incorrectly?

What is the difference between the Indwelling of the HS and being filled by the HS? (Explain Justification vs Sanctification)

We learned that the Holy Spirit resides inside of the true Believer...and only true Believers. How can you be sure that you're a true Believer?

If you could sum up tonight's study in one sentence, what would it be?

KEY PRINCIPLES

SERMON OUTLINE

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WHO HE IS

Trinity = <u>ONE</u> God who eternally exists in <u>THREE</u> persons.

WHAT HE DOES

1) He INSPIRES and ILLUMINATES. (v26)

1 Cor 12:3 / 2 Cor 2 / Ps 23

- 2) He makes His love <u>KNOWN</u> to those who believe. (v21)
- 3) He is our <u>HELPER</u> (v16)
- 4) He POINTS to Jesus. (John 15:26 / John 16:14)

WHERE HE RESIDES

"Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body." 1 Cor 6:19-20