Tough Questions about the Spirit

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REVIEW LAST WEEK'S NEXT STEPS

What, if any, next step did you commit to last week, how did it go?

- □ I will expect the Spirit to manifest Himself in remarkable ways.
- □ I will pay attention to the Spirit who is with me all the time.
- □ I will not quench the Spirit's promptings in my life.
- □ I will listen for the Spirit's promptings, and I will say yes to every one of them.
- □ I will ask for prayer for healing, believing we serve a healing God.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Last week, we explored more of who the Holy Spirit is and what the purpose of the Holy Spirit is for our community and for us. We tackled some tough questions, and this week we are continuing to ask those tough questions about the Spirit. We will explore things like if the gift of healing is still active, if there is a right or wrong way to pray, and how the Spirit can materialize in our day to day. Join us for part two as we look directly at these tough questions about the Spirit.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Matt begins our reflection on the Spirit by discussing our purpose, the purpose of seeking truth. Why is seeking truth about the Spirit important to your faith formation?

2. How do you discern the voice of the Spirit?

3. How do you know for sure that the Holy Spirit is present in someone's life?

4. Read together Galatians 5: 22-25. We find certain characteristics flow when the Spirit's presence rests. What fruit flows from your faith and time with the Spirit?

5. Matt explores these characteristics more, noting, "If you long to be filled by love and joy and peace and patience and kindness and goodness and gentleness and self-control, then you hunger for the Spirit, whether or not you even know it. And if you're being led more deeply into them, you can trust you're being led by the Spirit, even if you didn't even know that." Why do you think the Spirit leads us into the fruits noted in Galatians? What fruit do you feel like the Spirit is leading you to now? 6. Matt ends the sermon by exploring the concept of Gifts that come from the Spirit. If you had to make a list, what gifts would you put on that list that come from the Spirit?

7. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. What gifts do you see in this list?

8. What gifts do you recognise in yourself? What gifts do you recognise in your small group?

9. What does it look like to explore and use your gifts this week?

10. What other questions do you have about the Holy Spirit that you can explore this week?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- □ I will expect the Spirit to manifest Himself in remarkable ways.
- I will look to the fruit of the Spirit for evidence of the Holy Spirit in someone's life.
- □ I will spend my life training to be like Jesus.
- I will pay attention to the Spirit who is with me all the time.
- I will listen for the Spirit's promptings, and I will say yes to him.
- □ I will ask for prayer for healing, believing we serve a healing God.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- Acts 2:6
- 1 Corinthians 12:29
- 1 Corinthians 13:1-4
- Galatians 5:22-25
- Matthew 7:16-23
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 12:25-26

- 1 Corinthians 14:4
- 1 Corinthians 14:9-12
- 1 Corinthians 14:23
- 1 Corinthians 14:40
- Mark 9:22

Prayer Request(s)