

The Filtering Work of 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 be open and prayerful, listening to the Spirit throughout each day.
- I will allow the Holy Spirit to filter out toxic messages from the media.
- I will be aware of the effect people around me have on me.
- I will allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten me about an area of life I need to change.
- I will limit my exposure to damaging aspects of the media.
- I will fast from certain media to realize the effects it has on me.
- I will immerse myself in one great book by a Christian author.
- I will memorize Scripture as a way to shape my mind by God's Word.

THIS WEEK'S SERMON RECAP

Getting to know the 3rd Person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, is both a day-by-day and a life-long endeavor. But did you know there are particular times in life when listening to the Holy Spirit's voice is especially important? As we conclude our series, "The God I Never Knew" we'll examine these times and why the Holy Spirit's role in them is so vital.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Read Jn 6:27; What is the "Food which endures to eternal life"?

2. Read Mk 1:9-11; Why do you think God the Father sent the Holy Spirit as a dove to Jesus and said, "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." ?

3. When you think of all the different voices Jesus heard during his life, which are the voices that you hear that you need the seal of the Holy Spirit to overcome?

4. Do you recognize when the voices of the world tempt you to sin and doubt God's word? How do you respond to those voices?

5. Read Ephesians 1:13-14; What does being "Marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit" mean to you?

6. Pastor Matt describes DTR (Define the Relationship) with an illustration of how a couple gets engaged with a ring as the token of promise. How do you relate this to your life and relationship with the Holy Spirit?

7. In II Corinthians 5:1-2 Paul writes that "we groan longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling". Have you ever groaned? What do you groan about? What does the Holy Spirit want you to do when you groan?

8. Read Romans 8:26; What are the groans that words cannot express (indescribable wordless groans from the Greek)?

9. Pastor Matt told a story about his kids when they were 11 & 12 as they grew in their musical abilities and what previously didn't bother them as they matured became painful. How do you relate to this in your own relationship as you mature with the Holy Spirit?

10. Read II Corinthians 7:10; What is the difference between worldly and Godly sorrow? What does Godly sorrow mean in your relationship with the Holy Spirit?

11. Read Mark 3:28-29; What is the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit? And why is it the only unforgivable sin?

NEXT STEPS FOR THIS WEEK (COMMIT TO GROW)

- I will listen to the Spirit's voice that says, "You are my child, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."
- When I'm discouraged I will find solitude and listen for the voice of the Holy Spirit.
- When I'm convicted of sin I will confess, repent, receive grace, and thank God that the Spirit is at work in my heart and conscience.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

- John 6:27
- Mark 1:9-11
- Ephesians 1:13-14
- 2 Corinthians 5:1-5
- John 16:8
- Mark 3:28-29
- 1 John 1:7
- Galatians 4:6

- Romans 8:16

Prayer Request(s)
