

GROUPS

at 12STONE

MESSAGE GROUPS | SEAN MYERS, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO THE SPIRIT - SEPTEMBER 1

LEADERSHIP THOUGHT:

Paul's conviction that "we have an obligation to the Spirit" shows us that we are bound to the Holy Spirit and His power. So many times we don't realize the importance of living a life with the Holy Spirit. Oswald Chambers says it this way — "The Spirit is the first power we practically experience, but the last power we come to understand." In Romans 8 Paul helps us to understand how the Holy Spirit impacts our lives as Christians — The Holy Spirit helps us to fight sin. The Holy Spirit leads us to Christ's likeness. The Holy Spirit assures us of our identity.

ICEBREAKER:

Where do you want more freedom in your life? What will you do with it?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Read Romans 8:5-8 aloud

Q: Who/What gets most of your attention in your life? What ways could you begin to bring more attention to God in your life?

Before we can understand the power of the Holy Spirit in us, we have to understand who he is to us. Scripture specifically gives the Spirit personable qualities because He is someone, not something -- The Holy Spirit is God himself.

Q: How have you experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? Share a story with your group.

Having the Spirit in us, often feels like an alarm going off. When He speaks to us, He brings something to our attention and wakes us up to His heart.

Q: What or who has the Holy Spirit been putting on your mind? What are you to do about it?

Read Romans 8:9-11 aloud. Leaving the desires of the flesh for the desires of the Spirit lead us to Christ-likeness and allows the Spirit to help us fight sin and assure our identity in Christ

Q: Are you allowing the Spirit to rest in you?

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When the Holy Spirit is in you, He speaks to you. What appears to be a small moment of you remembering someone experiencing a difficult season is actually the Spirit speaking to you. He reminds us of His heart so we can act on it.

Leaders: Please ask your group, "Are you hitting the snooze button on the Holy Spirit?". Encourage them to listen to the Spirit and where he is guiding them during their week.