

WEEK 2

FAMILY & GROUP DISCUSSION

WHAT DID JESUS HAVE?

INTRODUCTION

As a believer you have the all embracing inner life of God

- There is no reason to fear, do not be troubled, do not be afraid
- You are to walk in Truth (John 17 Jesus says God's word is truth)
- Spirit gives us strength to walk in God's decrees

DISCUSSION

Why does Jesus send the Spirit?

EXPLANATION

What is the marks of someone walking with the Spirit?
What is the marks of someone NOT walking with the Spirit?
In what ways does the Spirit enable you to glorify God?
In what ways does God's Spirit transform what you feel?
In what ways does God's Spirit transform what you do?

APPLICATION

How do you think God let's you learn?

How has God's Spirit come along side you, in life, and encouraged you to live rightly?

When was the last time you were so grounded in who God called you to be that you felt the freedom to just be you?

MISSION

How would you describe the Spirit to a co-worker who is confused with speculation?

Read Galatians 5: What would be the implications if the world truly saw the Fruit of the Spirit from believers?



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John 20:21-22 John 8:14 John 14:15-21 John 19:10-11 John 10:30 John 14:25-27 Matthew 5:43-45 John 14:21 Matthew 6:26, 34 John 14:17

WEEK 2 NOTES

& SCRIPTURE VERSES

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John 20:21-22 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit"

The rabbis of Jesus' day taught that the Spirit, silent in Israel since the time of Malachi some four hundred years earlier, would not be given until the last days. When Jesus' came and claimed to speak and act by the Spirit it was a bold announcement of his own messiahship.

The Gospels have a common emphasis on certain events in regard to the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit was the agent in Mary's conception (Mt 1:18, 20; Lk 1:35, 41). The Holy Spirit came upon Jesus at his baptism in a special way to empower him for ministry (Mt 3:16; Mk 1:10; Lk 3:22). The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness where, weakened by a forty-day fast, Jesus faced Satan's temptations. In Luke 4 we are told that Jesus was FULL of the Spirit...so what does this look like?

1) IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT JESUS HAS:

John 14:15-21 tells us Jesus has a generous relationship with the Father, a relationship of deep trust, and intimate connected union. Jesus has a life thoroughly saturated with the Love of God. Jesus' inner life, His "deep place", is saturated with the love of God. He's so full of the Spirit, that everything for Him is dictated by the experience of this relationship with God.

John 8:14 Even if I testify on my own behalf, my testimony is valid, for I know where I came from and where I am going. The Spirit so grounds Jesus that where we would be tempted to prove ourselves He is grounded, not shaken, and doesn't feel He needs to be anything other than who He is.

2) IT LOOKS LIKE WHAT JESUS WANTS TO DO:

John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. "I will send the Spirit who will be everything you need to be **TO BE ME** to the world."

Counselor is the word: paraklete. This comes from a Greek word paraklatos. Para = along side of AND Klatos (Kaleo) = to call ... To call or speak along side of.

Why does Jesus send the Spirit?

WHY? So that the deepest parts of us would be saturated with the love of God

WHY? Because it will transform all we feel and do

WHY? So God is glorified.

The mark of the Holy Spirit is that we continue to walk forward with God even when all else falls apart around us; we walk because of His Strength empowering us. The Spirit infilling you is LESS about <u>circumstance</u> and more about <u>character</u>. Jesus says "the Spirit is not going to change your circumstance so you won't have difficulty, but so that in those circumstances your character will be formed."

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