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Week 2 – The Holy Spirit

Teaching Notes

Matthew 9:36

Start With The Holy Spirit

1. Jesus is our great **Shepherd**.
John 16:7, John 14:25-27
2. The Holy Spirit is our **guide**.
John 14:18-20, Acts 4:13
3. The Holy Spirit is our **power**.
Ephesians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11
4. The Holy Spirit gives us **life**.
Galatians 5:22-23

Small Group Discussion Guide

Overview

Once we become Christians, one of the most important steps we need to take is to invite the Holy Spirit to dwell within our souls. It is the Holy Spirit that will teach us, empower us and gift us. When the Holy Spirit lives in us we can have peace and joy no matter what the circumstances may be.

Opening Question

What are your thoughts concerning the Holy Spirit?

Read & Discuss

1. Read *Matthew 9:36, John 16:7, John 14:15-27*

Discuss Jesus is the great shepherd. He spent 3½ years with the disciples, yet He knew that a time was coming when He would have to leave them. Why did Jesus tell the disciples that He had to go? How do you think they felt/reacted to that news?

Discuss What do you think the disciples were thinking when Jesus shared that a “Helper”, the “Holy Spirit”, would be coming in his absence?

Discuss Where are you, or where have you felt lost, confused, and even helpless like sheep in need of a shepherd? How has Jesus, the great shepherd helped you?

2. Read *John 14:18-20, Acts 4:13*

Discuss The Holy Spirit is the presence and power of Jesus working within us. The Holy Spirit is full of grace and truth. How do you feel and see the power of the Holy Spirit, “the Spirit of truth”, working in your life and/or the lives of other believers?

Discuss Scripture says that when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, we have boldness. In what areas of your life do you need that boldness that others might see the Holy Spirit living in you?

3. Read *Ephesians 5:18, 1 Corinthians 12:7-11*

Discuss What are some steps you need to take daily to make sure you live in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Discuss Scripture tells us that a spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. Share what you believe God has shown you, or may be trying to show you, with regard to your spiritual gift.

4. Read *Galatians 5:22-23, Luke 11:9-10*

Discuss Describe your feelings and attitude when you know the Holy Spirit is present.

Discuss The Bible encourages us to keep on asking and promises that we will receive what we are asking. Which fruit or fruits of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control) do you need to call on the Holy Spirit to help you to produce more consistently and boldly in your life?

For Further Study

Read

Genesis 1

John 14

Galatians 3:13

Exodus 31

John 3:16

Romans 8:15-16