



God the Holy Spirit

Part 2

Ice Breaker: What is your favorite candy? What is your least favorite Candy?

Please read together:

John 16:7 (ESV), Acts 1:4,5b (NIV), Acts 1:8 (NIV)

Discuss:

- God the Holy Spirit is Mysterious. Because of the mystery, people may have exploited the HS and his gifts. Some have even created theologies and doctrines around God the Holy Spirit that just aren't in the Bible. What are some of these Theologies or Doctrines that you have heard of or experienced?
- What do you think the Disciples thought they were waiting for? Make up some possibilities of what they might have been thinking before they heard the noise like a wind and saw the lights that seemed like flames of fire.

1. The work of the Holy Spirit in and through our lives is for the **sole purpose** of bringing glory and honor to the Person and work of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Read Together: John 16:14 (NIV), Zechariah 12:10 (ESV)

Discuss:

- The HOLY SPIRIT brings Honor to Jesus.
- What are some ways you see the HS bringing Honor to Jesus in Scripture?
- What are some ways you see the HS bringing Honor to Jesus NOW in the age of the Holy Spirit?
 - **Jason talked about how Christians tend to put actions in "Sacred" or "Secular" buckets.** He described it by distinguishing that, the actions of your life are sacred if you are leaning on the Holy Spirit for HIS power to be a witness. The actions of your life are secular if you are doing them to honor yourself or using your own strength.
- What is your motivation in doing what you do?

Read Together: Acts 1:8 (NIV), Colossians 3:17 (ESV),

Discuss:

We receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on us.

One of the signs of the Holy Spirit is a dove. When a dove comes in for a landing, it pauses right before it commits to landing. It considers whether the landing place is a safe place to land.

Are you a safe place for the Holy Spirit to land?

- Will you use the gifts God has given you in a way that honors and glorifies Jesus?
- Are we doing everything we do for the Glory of God?
- Think about praise you have received from people regarding your Spiritual walk. How did the praise affect you?

• • **The gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT look best on the mature, submitted, anchored life of a believer who is all about Jesus. When the gifts of the HOLY SPIRIT are on someone who isn't working for the glory of God, they can look weird. The test comes when you are given a gift and you begin to get blessed and the attention of people turns to you. They start to give you accolades and praise. How do you respond?**

Proverbs 27:21 (NLT)

“Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but a person is tested by being praised.”

Discuss:

- The praise test question:
 - a. I will now shape my words and deeds and these gifts I have around whether it will lead to the praise of Men.
 - b. Regardless of Man's praise or rejection, the words, deeds and actions of my life will always be for glorifying Jesus Christ.

- In what ways is this praise test a struggle for you?
- What are some of your gifts from the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways have you used your gifts for the Glory of Jesus?
- In what ways are you tempted to use your gifts for your own glory?

The bottom line is that we need the Holy Spirit to empower us to use the gifts He has given us to Glorify Jesus. It is hard to stay focused on Jesus and bringing Him glory, because the enemy distracts us in many ways.

Let's pray together to receive HIS power to keep us on track.

PRAY:

God, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. Not to show off how cool we are with our spiritual gifts, but to keep us focused on Jesus and the awesomeness of WHO He is and WHAT He did for us on the Cross. Help us this week to stay focused on Jesus. Remind us that ALL of what the HOLY SPIRIT does it to bring GLORY to Jesus. Don't let our eyes wander. Please keep us in focus. Help us to open the gifts you have given us and use them to bring Glory to Jesus. In Jesus' name, Amen.