



God the Holy Spirit

Part 3

Ice Breaker:

Thanksgiving is coming. Share a tradition that your family has that you think no other family has.

Reminder Scripture: John 16:7 (ESV)

The Help of the Holy Spirit

- Teaches and counsels you on what to do. (John 14:26)
Discuss:
 - What is an example of a time that you didn't know what to do and the HS showed you?
- Makes you aware of sin. (John 16:7-8)
Discuss:
 - What is an example of a time that the Holy Spirit showed you that you were in sin?
- Is with you in every situation. (1 Corinthians 3:16)
Discuss:
 - When is a time that you knew the Holy Spirit was with you?
- Gives you illumination of the Scriptures. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
Discuss:
 - What is something that you gleaned from Scripture that you are certain the Holy Spirit illuminated to you in a way you couldn't deny?
- Reveals the unknown thoughts of God to you. (1 Corinthians 2:10-11)
Discuss:
 - What is something God has revealed to you that you didn't know before He showed you?
- Gives you wisdom. (Ephesians 1:17-20)
Discuss:
 - Share a time when you KNEW God was giving you wisdom.
- Guides you in truth for today and shows you what is to come. (John 16:13-15)
Discuss:
 - If you have a story of an inclination that God gave you before something happened, will you share it with the group?

- Enables you to produce good fruit. (Galatians 5:22-25)

Discuss:

What is a good fruit that you know the Holy Spirit has produced in your life?

God the Holy Spirit Has Given You Spiritual Gifts

Please read together: 2 Timothy 1:6-7 and 1 Timothy 4:14a

Discuss:

Paul challenged Timothy to fan into flame the gifts that God had given Him. What are some gifts that the Holy Spirit has given you, that you need to learn to use?

We can neglect the gifts. Has the Holy Spirit reminded you of gifts that you used to use and have neglected? How can you start using them again?

Please read: 1 Corinthians 12:1 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 12:3 (NIV), 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 (NIV)

Discuss:

- The heart and the purpose of the Holy Spirit and the gifts He gives is to glorify Jesus. Who empowers a person to operate in gifts and say “Jesus is Lord?”
- You have been given gifts for the purpose of fulfilling the heart of the gift giver... glorifying Jesus.
- Where are the gifts of the spirit working in 1 Corinthians 12:4-6?

Please read: 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NIV)

Discuss:

To Whom did the Spirit distribute gifts?

Pastor Jason stated, *“To each one of you has been given a manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. In other words, for the common good of the Local church. This is very important, gifts aren’t given so you can go off and do whatever you want, whenever you want and say ‘I don’t need a church.’ No no, gifts were given for the purpose to be used WITHIN the local church. It’s a small thing, but a BIG thing.”*

What are some ways you have witnessed people taking the gifts OUT of the Local Church?

Some people think that the gifts should be used all the time, but Jesus said, “I do what I see my Father doing.” How do you see people trying to force the gifts to work when God isn’t working in that way?

Did Jesus heal ALL the sick?

Did Jesus raise ALL the dead?

Did Jesus Curse ALL the fig trees?

Why didn’t he do ALL the things?

Please read: 1 Corinthians 12:18-20 (NIV) and 1 Corinthians 12:27-30 (NIV)

Discuss:

Why did God give each a different gift or part in the body?

If we were all one big Hand, what would the body be missing?

“We must understand, the gifts are to be used under the submission of the Father. What He wants to do, we do it. What He doesn’t want, we don’t. We cannot assume that everything should go the way that we see it and the picture that we see it. Because, He is God and He sees the beginning from the end. He’s working something that we can’t fully understand. Therefore, we submit ALL gifts, ALL things, to the FATHER and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Then, we will be a healthy Body when we do it that way!!

Are all Prophets?

Are all Apostles?

Are all teachers?

Do all speak in tongues?

Have you asked God what your gifts are?

You’ve got a gift. What is it? Because we NEED it!

Let's pray the prayer that Pastor Jason had us all pray together in Church.

Prayer

“God, I ask You to show me what gifts the Holy Spirit has given me with which I might better serve You and others. I completely surrender my will to You and I am excited to know what supernatural gifts You have chosen to give me. I commit to You that I will give Jesus Christ all the credit and glory for any work or miracle You do through my life, my prayers, my actions and my obedience. I ask that You cleanse me and forgive me from any compromise, sin, wrong beliefs or pride. I ask that You deliver me of everything not pleasing to You, things that would keep me from being a clean vessel for You.

Father God, thank You for loving me and sending Your Son Jesus for me. Jesus, thank You for exchanging Your life for mine. Holy Spirit, thank You for convicting me of my sin and introducing me to Jesus; and thank You for filling me with Your power and manifesting Your spiritual gifts through my life as You chose. Amen!”