

The End Of The Jesus Story, Now What?

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Luke 24:49-53, Matthew 28:16-20

√ Understanding

√ Desires

√ Spiritual Power

The Purpose Of The Holy Spirit:

Acts 1:1-26, John 14:15-26, John 16:7-11

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Acts 1:4-8, John 15:4-6, John 8:27-30
- The Holy Spirit came to change our life, not fix it.
Acts 1:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Ephesians 2:1-10
- The Spirit is not simply an experience, he's a new way of life.
Acts 1:8, Romans 5:10, Galatians 2:20, Romans 8:5-9, 1 John 2:27
- His primary purpose is to make God look good...not us.
Acts 1:8, 2 Timothy 1:7-9, Matthew 5:13-16

Final Questions to Ponder:

- ❶ How do I know if I have the Holy Spirit?
- ❷ How do I know if the Spirit is at work in my life?
- ❸ What do I do with the Holy Spirit?

TAKING IT HOME

Looking back at the final questions from this weekend's teaching and this week's study, is there a point or statement that is especially important for you to remember this week?

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Growth Group Homework

For the week of February 19, 2012

QUICK REVIEW: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

MY STORY

1. How do you think the average person would respond to the statement, "When you decide to follow Jesus, the Holy Spirit comes in you and begins to change you from the inside out"?

2. Can you think of a place or situation where you typically seem most tuned-in to God's Spirit guiding, speaking or encouraging you? (Examples: time alone, listening to a sermon, personal study, talking or processing with others, etc.)

DIGGING DEEPER

1. This weekend, we heard there are three ways the Holy Spirit changes us and works in our lives. Galatians 5:16-26 adds to this picture of the Holy Spirit at work. As you read this passage, can you identify a time in your life (past or recent) when the Holy Spirit was challenging you to grow and/or change in any of the areas mentioned here? If so, explain.

2. Most of us have encountered the pleasant surprise of benefitting from a co-worker or family member's gift or ability you had forgotten about or didn't know they had. The same can be true of the Holy Spirit. As you read the passages below, how do they remind you of, and help you understand, the role of the Holy Spirit?

1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 11-13

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Acts 9:31

Romans 8:26-27

Which of these verses is most important to remember and why?

3. The great news from this weekend's teaching is that God has sent his Spirit to teach, encourage and guide us just as Jesus had during his time here on earth. Unlike Jesus, we have "static on the line" because of our sin, which can cause us to misread, not be aware of, or even blatantly reject the Spirit's guidance. How do the following verses help us combat falling into this trap?

2 Timothy 3:16-17 / Acts 17:11

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

Proverbs 12:15

Is there one of these verses you need to be more aware of than others when it comes to understanding the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life?

John 16:8-13