

HOLY SPIRIT

THE COMFORTER HAS COME

WEEK 2 STUDY QUESTIONS

We have learned that the Holy Spirit is a comforter whom Jesus promised. We learned that He gives us courage and advocates for us. But how do we know when the Holy Spirit intersects someone's life? How do we know He is at work in our own life? This week we will learn about the sign of the Holy Spirit, or how we know someone is receiving the Holy Spirit into their life.

Read Acts 2:36-40

What sticks out to you about this passage?

This past Sunday, Pastor Ben told us that the predominant sign that the Holy Spirit has shown up in someone's life is repentance that leads to life change. How do we see that at work in this passage?

Though the fruit of the Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit are clear evidence that the Spirit is part of someone's life, without repentance, the person will not be fruitful or able to truly operate in the gifts of the Spirit.

Jesus reveals that the Holy Spirit is the promised advocate/counselor/comforter

Read Romans 8:5-14

What is Paul saying to the Roman church here?

How does this apply to our lives today?

If you are a follower of Christ, you have the Holy Spirit as part of your salvation. In fact, He brings it about. This will be evidenced by a truly repentant heart, where you will continue to crave the things of the Spirit rather than the things of the flesh.

Make it Personal

Now, take this inventory of where you might be at with the Spirit today. You can either do this individually or with a group:

- Maybe you have gone to church for a long time, and even felt conviction. But have you truly submitted yourself to the lordship of King Jesus? If you have not, why wait? Submit your life to Him today, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- Maybe you have been walking with God for some time- is there anything that you need to repent of today? Its possible that by not repenting of the things the Spirit is asking you to repent of, you are causing yourself to feel distant from God.
- Are you seeing the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit at work in your life? If not, it may be an indication that there is work the Spirit wants to do in your heart. Have you been inviting the Spirit to have His way in your life?
- Are you feeling a lack of wisdom or direction in life right now? It may be a sign that you are not being led by the Spirit. How often do you ask the Spirit to lead you, rather than consulting friends or books or Google?

Prayer

Father, thank you for the repentance that comes when the Holy Spirit is at work in our lives. Help us to be more open to this fundamental and monumental work that we need in our hearts. Jesus, thank you for sending the Spirit that we might become more like you. And Holy Spirit, we open ourselves to you so that you can mold us into the people we are called to be. Amen.