



SDG Discussion Guide

"Who Is The Holy Spirit?" (Part 1)

Various Texts

May 21, 2017

For Starters:

What is one of the most useful or beautiful gifts you have ever received? Even more, Pastor Noah thinks he is bad at giving gifts: How about you -- do you think you are bad or good at giving gifts? Why?

If you knew you only had one year left to live, how would you spend it?

Textual Interaction (The following content is meant to provide points of interaction with the respective sermon texts. Feel free to forward the content to your small group members ahead of the respective Sunday; or, group members may find the questions in print on that Sunday. Further, feel free to facilitate your own small group discussion regarding the respective texts or the points from the sermon or both.):

1. How can we know the reality and power of the Holy Spirit? For this portion of your small group time, take turns and read aloud any number of the sermon texts listed below. Take your time after reading each book's portion to discuss the Spirit's activity and influence -- what do you see? Notice the development of the Spirit throughout the whole sweep of the bible.

Genesis 1:1;
Exodus 31:1-5;
Isaiah 61:1-3;
Joel 2:28-29;
Luke 3:16;
John 7:37-38;
Acts 2:37-39.

2. How has the sermon, "Who is the Holy Spirit?," illuminated your understanding of the Holy Spirit -- what did God show you? Has your understanding shifted or changed? If so, how?

3. Do you struggle to maintain a proper understanding of God in the fullness of his Trinitarian character? What person of the Trinity do you tend to resist more than the other two? Why do you think this occurs? Trade insights with your group and try to understand for further reflection why you may embrace some aspects of God more than others.

4. As a Christian, how does knowing that you have the Holy Spirit inspire you in terms of the circumstances you expect to face this week?

5. How should the indwelling Holy Spirit affect our daily lives?

Take plenty of time to pray together. Allow plenty of pause and silence and ask the Holy Spirit to come. Ask him first to remove any inward barriers you may have to knowing him and to knowing how he wants to speak to you. Ask him to fill you with his presence... to fill your heart... and to bestow his wisdom and guidance in you for the key relationships and priorities in your life right now. Pray that he will help you trust him, as you now launch forth from your group into your week and what's next for you.