



Small Group suggested material: w/c 21st April 2013 - w/c 12th May 2013

Holy Spirit - A Facilitators Guide

Overview

For 4 weeks commencing 21st April 2013 the small group study will focus on the Holy Spirit.

Introduction

When Jesus spoke about the Holy Spirit he spoke about him as a person – someone who was to come, and who would teach, guide, counsel, encourage and work in and through those who welcomed him. The Spirit enables us to begin to do the things that Jesus did. The Spirit is also recognised in what we become. A person who receives the Holy Spirit gradually changes on the inside until their emotional make up is characterised by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness and self-control. Learning about the Holy Spirit is learning about how God works in our experience and there is little that's more important than that!

April 21st - Meet the Holy Spirit

April 28th - The Spirit Renews

May 5th - The Spirit Comforts

May 12th - Receiving Power

You are receiving the small group notes for all 4 sessions in advance so that you can view them holistically and assess how they can be best used for your particular group. As we know, God meets us where we are and it is part of our rich diversity that group members are at different stages of Christian maturity. This series will be a real opportunity for spiritual growth if we remember that, as Neil Hudson LICC recently said, there is treasure to be found:

- In the text (life giving word).....so read it (out loud)
- In the group (the missional disciples).....so listen and hear one another; share experiences
- In the world (recognising God at work).....so open your spiritual eyes to discern what He is doing

Our aim, as always, should be to take this teaching and to go on to discover the range of possibilities of how God wants to use us all throughout our entire lives and, in particular, on our frontlines.

NB You have the master copy for your group. Print off as many extra copies of the study, as you require.

For discussions

- You will know when to lead, develop and challenge the discussions if they feel superficial and you will recognise the opportunities to allow discussion to travel on the occasions where you feel that it will be fruitful, without feeling any pressure to complete all the questions.
- You will be able to facilitate discussions in a manner which challenges members to be changed, (in language, behaviour, attitudes) by the Word and the Spirit so that they become more Christ like i.e. whole life disciples seeking to glorify God whenever and wherever He has placed them.

- **Please note that after each question in this series there is a deliberate gap left for members to make notes, please encourage them to do so. For example, they could note specific actions that they will take in the weeks ahead.**
- You will be able to encourage the group to reflect back on each week and ask questions about what has been going on for them, what changes they have made, what God has been doing in their lives.
- Enjoy the Holy Spirit series and we pray that it will richly bless you and your group.

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