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NAVIGATE LIFE TOGETHER

Maranatha Chapel Sermon Based Study Guide

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THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT: JOHN 16:5-11

Receiving the Message and Relating to the Study

What insights, principles, or observations stood out to you from this week's message? Discuss with your group.

This week, Pastor Daniel tells us about the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. The sermon unfolds in John 16 as Jesus spoke with His disciples and once again informed them (John 13:33; 14:1-3) of His soon departure. The message was now becoming crystal clear and deep sorrow filled their hearts (16:6). But Jesus then grabbed the attention of the disciples with the emphatic words "Very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you" (16:7). The Advocate [the Holy Spirit] would come and indwell within the disciples to comfort, console, and guide them. In the same way, the Holy Spirit indwells in the Christian believer today; however, many Christians are unaware of the work of the Holy Spirit. It is impossible to please God without the help of the Holy Spirit, but through Him, we can experience life, full of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (Gal 5:22-23). Let's get into our study.

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

1. What struck you most from this week's sermon?

Digging Deeper in God's Word: Life Lessons

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 16:5-7

For the disciples, the departure of Jesus seemed like a terrible disaster; however, Jesus promised to send the Holy Spirit who would comfort, console, and guide them in their life journey to spread the Gospel. Jesus had to go away for that promise to be made true. As a result, they had the advantage of having the Spirit of Christ dwelling within them wherever they went.

1. Where did Jesus tell His disciples He was going? (John 16:5)
2. Why would "sorrow" have "filled" the disciples' hearts? (16:6) If you had been one of Jesus' disciples, how would you have felt about His leaving?
3. How was it to the disciples' "advantage" that Jesus goes away? (16:7)
4. Who is the Advocate in verse 7?

The Holy Spirit is known by many names and titles, most of which denote some function or aspect of His ministry. He is the Author of Scripture (2 Pet 1:21, 2 Tim 3:16), Comforter/Counselor/Advocate (Isa 11:2, John 14:16, 15:26, 16:7) Convictor of Sin (John 16:7-11), God's Seal on His people (2 Cor 1:22, 5:5, Eph 1:13-14), Guide (John 16:13), Indweller of Believers (Rom. 8:9-11, Eph 2:21-22, 1 Cor 6:19), Intercessor (Rom 8:26), Revealer/Spirit of Truth

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(John 14:17, 16:13, 1 Cor 2:12-16), Spirit of God/ the Lord/ Christ (Matt 3:16, 2 Cor. 3:17, 1 Pet 1:11), Spirit of Life (Rom 8:2), Teacher (John 14:26, 1 Cor 2:13), and Witness (Rom 8:16, Heb 2:4, 10:15).

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 16:8-11

1. Who has the role to convict (to expose, to refute, and to convince) the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment? (16:8) What role does the Christian believer have? (Acts 1:8)
2. Pastor Daniel said, “The Holy Spirit brings comfort to the afflicted and afflicts the comfortable.” What does this mean to you?
3. Why do you think most Christians feel guilty when they commit a sin?
4. Of what “root” sin is the world guilty? (16:9) What behavior or fruit results from this? (Rom 1:21-23)

The greatest of all sin, and root of every other sin, is rejecting Jesus through unbelief. Unbelief is the source from which all sin originates. By rejecting Christ man severs himself from all that God is and His redemptive benefits.

5. Of what standard does the Holy Spirit convict the world? (Matt 5:48) Who in the world can achieve this standard? (Rom 3:23) What is the penalty for falling short of this standard? (Rom 6:23a)
6. Whose righteousness is the only acceptable trade the Father will accept for our shortcomings? (Rom 5:8, 2 Cor 5:21, John 14:6). How does an unbeliever receive this imputed righteousness (Rom 10:9-10).

Applying God’s Word

What did you learn from this study and how does this personally speak to you? Discuss with your group.

The Helper dwells within us and has the power to break our sinful chains of bondage. The enemy is constantly trying to enslave us and drag us down because he knows the divine potential if we were to fully execute the calling of God in our life. Our job is to respond in obedience to the counsel of the Holy Spirit. We already have the victory over sin, now watch the ministry of the Holy Spirit work as He uses our victories to influence and draw others to Jesus.

1. Are there areas of bondage in your life? Ask the Holy Spirit to help set you free from this area of bondage.
2. Being set free from bondage, how can you this victory to bring glory to Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

PRAYER

Thank God for loving you and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, who is our Advocate, Helper, Comforter, and Teacher. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you, reveal to you truths, free you from bondage, guide you away from sin, and help you to bring glory to Jesus by being a witness to a lost world.

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Cor 5:21)