



Discussion Guide



Sermon Title: “The Promised Spirit”

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OPENING DISCUSSION

1. What questions do you have about the role of the Holy Spirit in:
 - a. An individual’s life?
 - b. The life of the church?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What different methods does the Spirit use to confirm His direction in a believer’s life?
2. What is the purpose of being more aware of the Spirit’s presence?
3. ⌚ Discuss any of the terms on this list that you have questions about or wish to comment on:
 - Pentecostal Spirit filled Cessationist Charismatic Speaking in tongues
 - Second blessing Spiritual discernment Baptized with the Spirit Move of the Spirit
 - Seeking the Spirit Sealed with the Spirit Slain in the Spirit Led by the Spirit
 - Quenching the Spirit
4. What comes to mind when you hear someone say they want to see a “move of the Spirit” in the church?
5. What are some misunderstandings of the role of the Holy Spirit you’ve come across?
6. ⌚ What role does the intellect play as it pertains to activity of the Holy Spirit?
7. ⌚ What role do emotions play as it pertains to activity of the Holy Spirit?
8. What does the diversity and unity of the Trinity tell us about the church?
9. Why do you think Jesus told them to wait in Jerusalem for the Spirit to come rather than having the Spirit fall on them immediately after he ascended?
10. What two things are required for us to be more aware of the presence and power of the Spirit?
11. How does the Spirit manifest God’s pleasure or displeasure with a person’s faith and obedience?
12. ⌚ How does the Spirit’s baptism empower us to be witnesses?

FURTHER REFLECTION

1. Why doesn’t the church today have to “wait for the Spirit” in the same way the early church did?
2. What things might one wait for in obedience to the Spirit?
3. Pastor Norman’s gave the example of finding out that the same passage he chose for this sermon was also the scripture reading chosen for the service he helped conduct later that week. Was this just a coincidence? Is there anything in life that’s an actual “coincidence” or do you think God (or some other agent) is involved somehow?

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES (NASB unless otherwise noted)

📖 Acts 1:1-11

1 The first account I composed, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach,
2 until the day when He was taken up to heaven, after He had by the Holy Spirit given orders to the apostles whom He had chosen.

3 To these He also presented Himself alive after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the kingdom of God.

4 Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, "you heard of from Me;

5 for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6 So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority;

8 but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

The Ascension

9 And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.

10 And as they were gazing intently into the sky while He was going, behold, two men in white clothing stood beside them.

11 They also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

📖 1 Corinthians 12:13

13 For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.