

Series Break: Developing Sensitivity with the Holy Spirit

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. If you could have any view out of your office window, what would you choose?
2. How would describe your communication style in 3 words.

WORD

Our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit is completely an overflow of our relationship with God. It takes faith and obedience, time, experience, lots of humility, loving and forgiving people.

John 15:1-3 MSG

“ I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn’t bear grapes. And every branch that is grape bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.”

John 15: 4 (ESV)

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me.

John 15:5-8 (MSG)

“I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.”

John 15:9-10 (NLT)

9 “I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love.

10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in his love.

DISCUSSION

What ungodly activities, relationships, or priorities do you need to prune out of your life so that the Lord doesn’t have to do it?

WORD

Romans 8:26-27 (CSB)

26 In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us[a] with inexpressible groanings. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

How do we develop sensitivity with the Holy Spirit?

*Always believe that the Holy Spirit is present.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another [a]Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), to be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive [and take to its heart] because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He (the Holy Spirit) remains with you continually and will be in you. **John 14:16-17 (AMP)**

*Always cultivate a lifestyle of worship.

*So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. **Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)***

*Always engage God with questions.

25** “I have spoken these things to you while I remain with you. **26** But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and remind you of everything I have told you. **John 14:25-26 CSB

DISCUSSION

Is bearing fruit for Christ our purpose in life? What fruit has Christ produced in your life since you trusted in Him?

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us develop sensitivity with the Holy Spirit. Sensitivity means we are aware, open, and ready. He is a resident in us and not a visitor. The closer we are to him leads to sensitivity and intimacy. The farther we are with him leads to confusion and eventually separation. The presence of the Holy Spirit is not based on our emotion but based on our trust in Him.

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

John 6:63 (NIV)

The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you-they full of the Spirit and life.

PRAYER

Share your answered prayer. Pray for one another and throughout this week.

