

Spirit-led: Week 1-Born in the Spirit

ICE BREAKER QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think people tend to erase or neglect the Holy Spirit?
2. What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?

WORD

The idea of this this four-week series is to explore how we can live a life led by the Holy Spirit—both in a general sense and in specific choices. And at the end of this series, we will come to better understand the role of the Spirit in our lives and in the church based on how Jesus talks about the third person of the Triune God. We are going to explore this series in the Book of John for which in this book, Jesus introduce God and the Holy Spirit not only to the disciples but who ever comes to him and eagerly desire to learn from him.

John 3:1-3 (NIV)

1 Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” 3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

One of those who have seen and believed in his name is Nicodemus. Those people in Jerusalem believed in Jesus because of the signs he had performed. Nicodemus had apparently seen them too. But for Nicodemus all the signs meant is that Jesus was a great teacher sent from God. His approach to Jesus was well-intentioned but theologically inadequate because he is a Pharisee; he had failed to grasp the messianic implications of the miraculous signs. Regardless of who he is, what he do, his vocation, his rank, his life. Nicodemus doesn't possess of the Holy Spirit. And Jesus reveal to Nicodemus

DISCUSSION

Have you ever felt or been impressed by the miracles and blessings of life but not fully convinced that it is the work of the Holy Spirit in you and you come to believe that this was just a result of your own ability, talents and skills? If yes, how did you grow in these area?

WORD

John 2:23 (NIV)

23 Now while he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, many people saw the signs he was performing and believed in his name. 24 But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, for he knew all people. 25 He did not need any testimony about mankind, for he knew what was in each person.

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“Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

Unless we are born again we cannot see the Kingdom of God. This means born again is not a form of religion but a rebirth in the spirit. This is the work of God`s Spirit who sovereignly brings about new life John 3:6 *6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.*

***John 3:5 (NIV)**

“Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit.”

Born of water represent Water Baptism (Baptism of repentance) and born of the Spirit (Baptism of the Holy Spirit).

***John 3:10 (NIV)**

10 “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things?”

If we are born in the Spirit and born of water, we will have understanding and right response to spiritual truth as the Holy Spirit lead us.

DISCUSSION

Have you been baptized in water since you repented? Have you received the baptism in the Holy Spirit? What is your experience with the Holy Spirit?

LIFE APPLICATION

Let us be born again not with a Religion but born of water and born of the Holy Spirit. Born of water is Baptism of water and born of the Holy Spirit is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. In baptism, we put away the old life of sin and begin a new life of obedience to Christ. As we have the Holy Spirit, he will lead us to understand the spiritual truths.

DISCUSSION

What is one thing that stood out to you from this week's message?

VERSE TO MEDITATE ON

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PRAYER

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

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