

The Holy Spirit - Empowered to Be Spirit Led

Connect: As a child, were you more of a leader or a follower?

Big Idea: But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:8 What does it mean for us today to be baptized in the Holy Spirit? This week we will discover what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit and the blessings are innumerable.

The Word:

When the Spirit of truth comes, *he will guide* you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. - John 16: 13-14

Galatians 5:16-25

Acts 16:6-15

So What:

1. Read John 16:13-14 in several versions. What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth?
2. Read Acts 16:6-15. What did the Holy Spirit lead Paul to do and what were the results?
3. According to Galatians 5:16-25, what are the many benefits of being led by the Spirit or "keeping in step with the Spirit?" Also, in what way can the Holy Spirit protect us?

Now What:

1. Share a time when you sensed the Holy Spirit leading you to do or not do something. What happened?
2. Pastor Jonathan said, "Two Prerequisites to be Led by the Spirit as a Believer: Be able to discern his voice (Scripture and more), Have the power to overcome the flesh." Discuss this as a group.
3. What is the best way to learn how to be led by the Holy Spirit? (The Bible and practice) Using the Bible as a guide and the quote below by Jim Laffoon, discuss this as a group.

How do you know the voice of God, same as why you know the voice of your momma, heard it a good while. If we checked with God the way we checked with our phone, dear God our world would be changed. You must quiet your soul every day. You must get quiet on the inside. - Jim Laffoon

Prayer: Pray for the ability to hear the Holy Spirit speak to you and for you to listen and follow His leading rather than your flesh.

