

Message Outline

Corinthians: Building a Church
The Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:1-3:23



Intro: Corinthians...a church Paul “built”...

- After opening the letter with greeting and thanksgiving...the centrality of the cross!
- From the role of the cross to the role of the Spirit...
 - What the Son accomplishes, the Spirit applies.*
- Why the Holy Spirit can be difficult to understand...

Key Scriptures on the Spirit

- **John 3:5-8:** The Spirit isn't optional but essential for Kingdom living...
- **John 14:15-18, 16:7-13:** Jesus' instruction on the Spirit...
 - Indwelling, guiding, convicting, Advocate...
- **Acts 1:8-9, 2:1-4:** The Spirit's arrival in believers...

Read: 1 Corinthians 2:1-3:23



Sketching the Spirit

- 1) _____
 - 1Cor.2:2-5, 12-13, 6:11, 2Cor.1:20-22, Acts 2:38, Gal.5, Eph.1:13-14
 - Biblical connection between receiving Jesus and receiving the Holy Spirit...
- 2) _____
 - 1Cor.3:1-2, Gal.5:22
 - Accessing what's been inputed...
 - We grow in the Spirit by spiritual disciplines...
- 3) _____
 - 1Cor.3:16, Jn.14:16-17
 - God's desiring is in dwelling...



Small Group

Reflection Questions

(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)



Read: Matthew 3-4—Jesus' Baptism/Temptation

**What does this text say about God? What does it say about me/humanity?*

**What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)?*

**At some point this week, take 10 minutes to reflect on some Scripture passages on the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom.8, Gal.5:13-26, 1Jn.4, or any passage from other side of insert). What does this text say about the Spirit's role in a believer's life or the world?*

**What is most confusing to you about the Holy Spirit?*

**Can you describe a time 1) when you loved beyond your natural ability to love? 2) when you felt peace in a circumstance that was not joyful? 3) when you were able to forgive but maybe shouldn't have been able to? Describe any/all.*

**Paul uses the illustration of infancy to describe some of the Corinthians spiritual state (1Cor.3:1ff.). Reflecting on yourself, where would you classify yourself in Christian maturity (ie. infant, toddler, adolescent, adult, senior etc.)?*