

THE SPIRIT EMPOWERED CHURCH

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

If you had a choice, who would you rather have mentor and disciple you?
Jesus, or the Holy Spirit?

John 16.7-15

- o **The Counselor:** John 14.16, 26, 15.26, 16.7
- o **The Spirit of God:** Genesis 1.2 // Matthew 3.16; **the Spirit of the Lord:** 2 Corinthians 3.17,18; **the Spirit of the Father:** Matthew 10.20; **the Spirit of Christ:** Romans 8.9; **the Spirit of His Son:** Galatians 4.6
- o **The Holy Spirit:** Luke 11.13, Romans 8.16
- o **The Spirit of Truth:** John 14.17, 15.26, 16.13
- o **The Spirit of Grace:** Hebrews 10.29 // Zachariah 12.10
- o **The Spirit of Promise:** Ephesians 1.13
- o **The Spirit of Adoption:** Romans 8.15
- o **The Spirit of Life:** Romans 8.2

WHY DO WE NEED TO BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

Matthew 10.16-20 // John 17.18

To take up our cross and be effective witnesses and ministers, we must be clothed with power from on high. Power to witness and fulfill the Great Commission is only done by the empowering of the Spirit.

Luke 24.49 // Acts 1.4-8, 2.1, 4.8, 31, 7.55, 13.9, 52 // Ephesians 5.18

The Holy Spirit gives gifts to be used for God's glory and to reveal Jesus to a blind world. But we need His empowerment for those gifts to be used with power and effectiveness that is beyond ourselves.

Matthew 16.24-26 // John 17.18, 19

**The scope of your sending will be dependent on the scope of your equipping and understanding of your "saving."
He who is forgiven much, loves much.**

HOW CAN WE BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT?

We need to constantly be aware of our need and express our dependence on Him. Immersing ourselves in the Word so He can lead us into all truth, which brings about personal revelation of the beauty of Jesus and the treachery of our sin. Seeing the grace and kindness of God leads us to confession, repentance, and perpetuates our worship, giving way to the Spirit of power in our life to lead us.

NOTES:

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

KIDS ON MISSION

Please log on to check out www.lifemissionchurch.com and click "Kids" at the top to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart and his walk through of our curriculum.

Also, the daily devotional book, **Long Story Short**, is available in the Atrium to purchase.

WANT TO GET CONNECTED?

- **JOIN A COMMUNITY GROUP!**
If you want to get connected to a group of people near your neighborhood, let us know by filling out the **Connection Card** or visiting the **Connection Booth** in the Atrium!
- **JOIN A MINISTRY TEAM!**
We would love to have you come serve our community with us. Let us know on our **Connection Card** that you want to help!



SAVE.

Jesus was sent to save. We have been saved to be sent. We are sent into our community to share the Good News that Christ came to save us, and we hope to see many who find new life.

EQUIP.

We want to equip those very people in the Word so that they can continue to grow as disciples of Christ. From our preschool to our adults, our passion is to see everyone equipped in the Gospel to live a life of freedom and joy.

SEND.

Lastly, we then want to see those equipped people sent into their community and world. From schools and playgrounds, to families and work places, we want to see people who are spiritual leaders in their life, showing people the truth of Christ's Good News.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

What stuck out to you the most or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

How much would you say you really depend on the Holy Spirit, and what does that look like in your life? _____

When you think through the roles you have in life, be it as a parent, a spouse, a friend, or serving in church, have you experienced that in a way where you feel like you've been "filled with the Spirit" to perform certain elements or tasks?

Read **Acts 4.8**. Here, Peter is filled with the Spirit to preach a powerful sermon. Though it's not explicit, we would suspect that Peter gave many effective sermons in his life, but this seems to point out that the Holy Spirit "filled the balloon" a bit more for this one. Now read **Matthew 10.16-20**. How does Peter's experience relate to what Jesus said in these verses? And what implications does that have in your life? _____

When it comes to serving, sharing our faith, or committing to spiritual things, it's usually selfishness, fear of man or failure, or a lack of passion and conviction that keeps us from stepping out in those areas. Which of these (or something else) is it for you? _____

Here are some verses (among so many others!) that are close to my heart that I remind myself when fear (my cripper) grips me: **Exodus 4.10-13, Jeremiah 1.4-10, Ephesians 2.10, 1 Timothy 1.6-14, 1 Corinthians 15.10, 2 Corinthians 12.9, 10**. Read these and then read **Luke 24.49, Acts 1.4-8, and Philippians 4.13**. In what areas of life do you need increased faith to first of all, believe that God has called and appointed you to these areas of life, and secondly, believe that He can empower you to do them beyond your ability? _____

When we begin to believe the promises of God, like the ones above, usually the Holy Spirit will reveal the bigness of God's grace toward us, followed by an increased realization that we don't deserve it. This should lead to repentance. Where is the Spirit leading you right now in your heart as you consider the things you need to repent of? _____

Now ask Him to fill you afresh with Himself in order to accomplish the area you are in need of. It would be good to split up into smaller groups of 2 or 3 within your group in order to specifically pray for these things. Believe in faith that God loves to give good gifts and that He wants you to learn dependence on Him. Make this a daily habit as you go through all that life brings.

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