



Community Group Discussion Guide

November 3, 2013

Week 9 - The Holy Spirit

John 14:15-27

Read John 14:15-27 before answering the following questions.

Introduction

In this sermon series we're looking at nine of these 'crux of the matter' statements that are made by Jesus about some of life's most critical issues. Issues that have the potential to be life changing for every one of us.

Questions for Study

1. The topic of this passage is the Holy Spirit. What questions do you have about the Person and activity of the Holy Spirit? (Allow these questions to stir your interest in this subject and drive you to God's Word for direction!)
2. The work of the Holy Spirit is easily ignored or misunderstood. Do you agree with this statement? Explain why you answered the way you did.
3. Imagine you had to explain the Person and activity of the Holy Spirit to someone else. What are the top 4-5 things you would include?
4. Why is a Biblical, robust understanding of the Holy Spirit so important to our lives as believers?
5. As "the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17) the Holy Spirit serves as a sort of floodlight, pointing us not to Himself but to Jesus' words and work (read also John 14:26; John 15:26; John 16:13-14 to see this point reinforced). Based on this, what must a Spirit-filled life include at the center?
6. Read Galatians 4:4-7 and Romans 8:14-17. Explain the connection between these passages and John 14:18-20 (common words or themes, etc.).
7. The "adopting" work of the Holy Spirit is one of the most beautiful and central truths of the salvation God offers. Explain why this is so. What feelings should being "adopted by God" through His Spirit create in us?
8. As we pursue a Biblical and robust understanding of the Holy Spirit, what other aspects of the Spirit's Person and activity should we include? Be diligent at supporting your answers with Scripture as much as you can.
9. What practical applications do you need to make in light of what you've learned from John 14:15-27?
10. What else – either from the sermon or this passage in John 14 – were you hoping to discuss? Consider especially questions you still have and/or major take-always from this material on the Holy Spirit.