

Self-Study & Care Group Guide

Based on Sunday, November 04, 2018 at The Father's House

Introduction

There is a voice resonating in the church today. It's a voice of prayer resounding from those determined to experience more of God's life. What does that voice sound like? There is a common confession and pursuit in every powerful prayer. Learn in today's message how you can raise your voice in order to receive more of what God has for you.

Ice Breaker

Looking back on your experience of the Sunday Service and the notes from the teaching, was there something general or specific (a point, verse, or comment) that caught your attention, made you excited, challenged you, or raised a question?

Part 1

Read Acts 4:23-31. This story follows a trial in which two followers of Jesus (Peter and John) were threatened for sharing the gospel. This was during a time where many Christians were being persecuted for their faith. After hearing of Peter and John's challenges, the believers raised their voices in prayer. This resulted in boldness and a greater experience of the Holy Spirit.

Think about a time where someone listened to you and prayed with you during a challenging situation. How were you strengthened and how did you experience the Holy Spirit in a more powerful way?

Part 2

Read 2 Corinthians 1:3-7. Sufferings may vary, but everyone suffers, and in the same way as everyone needs comfort, everyone can comfort others.

Has the church been a place where you can share sufferings and comfort with others? Why or why not? How can the church grow in this area?

Praying with others provides a way of sharing sufferings and comfort. It gives those who are hurting and helping a means of inviting God's Spirit to intervene.

Is it possible to do anything of eternal value without the Holy Spirit? Why is his power and presence necessary?

Part 3

It's ironic that the Holy Spirit is the one the church needs the most, and yet the one who seems to divide the church the most. Churches throughout history have been shaped by intense desire and distaste for the Spirit.

Based on your understanding, why has the Holy Spirit been the source of such disagreement in different churches?

What is your greatest excitement and greatest fear when you think about growing in relationship with the Holy Spirit?

Read Luke 11:9-13. How does knowing that God is a good father, who gives good gifts, help you to want to move to the next level in your relationship with his Spirit?

Close in Prayer

Share an area where you've experienced suffering. Allow God and others to comfort you with the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

Application

Grow in relationship with the Holy Spirit. *Holy Spirit Saturday* will take place on November 10th at the Church Office (10219-100 Ave), from 9AM—2PM. Register by emailing peter@tfhchurch.ca.