



Empowered

Week 1: The Dwelling Place of God | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 3.2.2025

Opener

If you could live anywhere in the world, where would you want to live?

Read

2 Chronicles 7:1-3; Ezekiel 36:27-28; Ezekiel 37:27; John 1:14; Matthew 12:6; Colossians 2:9; John 14:16-17; John 14:2-3; John 14:23; 1 Corinthians 3:16

Main Points

1. Discipleship is a lifelong journey of; *intentionally discovering* who Jesus is, who we are in him, and the joy of intimacy with him; *actively depending* on the Holy Spirit as he transforms us from within into Christ's likeness; *joyfully partnering* with Jesus as he lives through us and sends us into the world for his purposes.
2. Siddhartha Gautama, the founder of Buddhism, when he died, left behind a philosophy to live by - the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path. Confucius (Confucianism) left behind Wisdom and Ethics called the Analects. Laozi (Taoism) left behind the idea of an Unknown Impersonal Force that we strive to live in harmony with. Mohammed (Islam) left behind Teachings and Traditions in the Quran and Hadith. Hinduism (no founder) left behind Ancient Writings and Rules.
3. Jesus left behind his own spirit, the Holy Spirit, to be inside of his followers.
4. What Jesus left behind is better than a new philosophy, or an impersonal force to try and find, it's even better than traditions and rituals.
5. If God had a soundtrack for the Old Testament days, it would be: I love you so much. I created you for me. I long for us to be one.

Engage with God in a Group

- What have you understood of the Holy Spirit?
- How have you been aware of the Spirit's presence and life within you?
- When have you experienced a unique moment with the Spirit?
- What questions do you have about the Holy Spirit?
- What does it mean, to you, that the Holy Spirit lives in all who believe?
- What do you think unity would look like if we grew in our active dependence on him in us?

Bottom Line

This first message is simply an invitation for you to become aware of the Spirit who lives inside of you.