



Empowered

Week 2: For Our Benefit | Teacher: Libin Abraham

Sermon Questions for 3.9.2025

Opener

When was the last time you did something that you thought was too big to do but you knew you needed to do it?

Read

John 15:26-16:15; John 14:12; Luke 4:18-19;

Main Points

1. Benefit #1: Relationship - the Holy Spirit is a counselor (*Paraklētos*) - one who helps, advocates, or comforts someone on behalf of another. Our relationship with Jesus is actually stronger because his Spirit is within all who believe.
2. Benefit #2: Mission - to believe in Jesus is to join him in his work - we are empowered by the Holy Spirit to preach good news to the poor, proclaim release to the captives, sight for the blind, and to proclaim the season of the Lord's favor.
3. Benefit #3: Conviction - disciples of Jesus don't change people's minds, the Holy Spirit does. The greatest sin, which is the source of all sin, is a lack of belief in Jesus.
4. The way to overcome sin is not to first change a behavior, but rather to believe and trust fully in Jesus.
5. What the Spirit does for the world, he does even more for the Church. He causes us to believe and trust in Jesus daily. This both humbles us and leads us to worship Jesus. And the Spirit puts courage into our heart by reminding us that Satan has already been judged.

Engage with God in a Group

- What does it look like, for you, to not merely be a follower of Jesus, but to be his friend?
- Which of the benefits of the Holy Spirit do you think you need to experience the most today?
- What part(s) of your life have you felt freedom because of the Spirit's work in your life?
- Where might God send you to proclaim, preach, encourage, heal, and set others free? What hesitations or concerns do you have?

Bottom Line

The Holy Spirit takes us from being followers of Jesus to being his friends.