



Sermon Discussion Questions

May the Word of God SHAPE and MOLD us into the image of Jesus!

CHECK INS: Let's check in with each other; how are we doing folks?

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8.16.26 - SERMON RECAP:

As we look at the local church as a Family On Mission we must consider the distinctive of being 'A Spirit-Filled Witness'. Jesus calls His church to be His witnesses, but He does not send us to accomplish His mission in our own strength. Acts 1:8 connects our witness directly to the power of the Holy Spirit, while I Corinthians 2 shows Paul intentionally refusing to make the gospel dependent upon human wisdom, eloquence, or ability, so that people's faith would rest "in the power of God." May we consider how to be empowered by the Spirit as we are 'Out and About' or 'In and Among' as we grow to be 'Spirit empowered people' from the inside out. Read Acts 1:8 and Romans 15:1-7 together and discuss these questions and truth to transform us!

DIGGING DEEPER:

1. Jesus could have simply told His disciples to "go and witness," but instead He told them to wait for the power of the Holy Spirit. What does that teach us about the difference between doing Christian ministry for God and doing ministry through the power of God?
2. Where are you most tempted to depend upon your personality, knowledge, experience, or abilities rather than the Holy Spirit?
3. Read: I Corinthians 2:1–5; II Corinthians 4:5–7. How does Paul's example challenge our assumption that we need to be confident, impressive, knowledgeable, or persuasive before God can use us? What weakness or inadequacy in yourself might you need to stop seeing as a disqualification and instead surrender to the Spirit?
4. Read: Acts 8:26–35; Acts 16:6–10. We talked on Sunday about keeping our witness SIMPLE and were encouraged with 3-simplified steps of: Pray, Sense, and Obey. Out of these steps, which one might God be putting on your heart to grow in, in this season of your life??
5. Read: I Corinthians 12:4–7; Ephesians 4:11–16. Paul teaches that the Spirit gives different gifts to different members of Christ's body for the common good. What has God given you—time, encouragement, wisdom, mercy, leadership, hospitality, teaching, generosity, or another gift—that could strengthen another believer among the Body of Christ??
6. Read: I Corinthians 2:10–13; Romans 8:5–14. Paul says the Spirit searches "even the depths of God" and enables us to understand the things freely given to us by God. What is the difference between trying harder to become a better Christian and allowing the Holy Spirit to transform you from within? How might a deeper understanding of who God says you are change the way you serve, witness, love, and interact with people around you?
7. Which truth about your identity in Christ do you most need to believe and live from right now?

How Does ALL THIS Apply to our Values?



Gospel Transformation

Compassionate Engagement



Authentic Relationship

Kingdom Multiplication

