

SC Church 9.20.2026

We are South County
Expecting the Spirit

- A. Intro: Have you ever gotten lost?
- B. Big Idea: We expect the Spirit's Power, Direction and Interruption in our lives.
- C. What can we expect the Holy Spirit to do?
 - a. Empower us to Tell our Story and God's Story
 - i. Acts 1:8 NLT – ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
 - ii. Matthew 5:14-16 NLT – ¹⁴ “You are the light of the world—like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.
 - b. Give us Direction
 - i. John 16:13 NIV - ¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.
 - a. Verse 26 calls Him our Advocate or Comforter
 - ii. Deuteronomy 1:21 NLT – ²¹ Look! He has placed the land in front of you. Go and occupy it as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you. Don't be afraid! Don't be discouraged!’
 - iii. Psalm 32:8 NLT – ⁸ The Lord says, “I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you.
 - c. Interrupt Us
 - i. Mark 5:21-29 NLT – ²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, “My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live.” ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. A large crowd followed and pressed around him. ²⁵ And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years. ²⁶ She had suffered a great deal under the care of many doctors and had spent all she had, yet instead of getting better she grew worse. ²⁷ When she heard about Jesus, she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak,

²⁸ because she thought, “If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed.” ²⁹ Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering.

- D. Close: Are you expecting God’s Spirit to work in your life?
- a. John 14:6 NLT – ⁶ Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
 - b. Josh 1:5b NLT – ...I will not fail you or abandon you.
 - c. Next Steps
 - i. Memorize: John 14:6 NLT – Jesus told him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.
 - ii. Think: Where have I seen God’s Spirit leading me?
 - iii. Action: Look for the interruptions and engage.