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Diving Deeper: A Gather Group discussion guide or personal devotional guide



Wind Walkers

Introduction: God is revealed to us in scripture as Father, Son, & Spirit. Theologians call this observation the Trinity. Much is spoken of God the Father and God the Son, but God the Holy Spirit is often less talked about in some denominations. This study will look at the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

Text: Joel 2:28-32a; John 3:7-8; Romans 8:13-15; Galatians 5:16-25

Discussion:

- 1. Icebreaker: Have you ever tried to fly a kite? What was necessary to make this successful?
- 2. Why should we define God as: Father, Son, Spirit?
- 3. When do we first see the work of the Spirit of God?
- 4. The Holy Spirit, in OT times, came upon certain individuals for certain tasks. Who are some of the OT saints that were empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- 5. Read Joel 2:28-32a. What is the significance of this prophecy?
- 6. How did John the baptist baptize? How did he say Jesus would baptize?
- 7. The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus at his baptism. Jesus is the final prophet, priest, and king. He preached the kingdom of God and that something new has arrived with Him. Read. John 7:37-39, John 14:16-18, John 15:26, John 15:26, Acts 1:4-5. What is Jesus promising the disciples?
- 8. Read Acts 2:1-4. The followers of Jesus were baptized with the Holy Spirit. This is what happens to every believer at the moment of conversion. There is no salvation apart from the indwelling/filling/baptism of the Holy Spirit. How does Acts 2:1-4 fulfill John 7:37-39?
- 9. The disciples began to speak in other languages on the day of Pentecost. Some thought they were drunk. How did Peter interpret what had taken place and what OT passage did it fulfill?
- 10. The New Covenant brought a new way the Holy Spirit would rest among God's people. Instead of only filling some saints, the Holy Spirit will now fill every believer. How does knowing that the Spirit of God lives in you impact your walk with Christ?
- 11. John 3:7-8, Romans 8:13-15 use language of new birth and adoption. Just as we are born into this world, we must be born into the kingdom of God. The believer is also "adopted" into the family of God. It is clear that the Lord want's us to know that believers are indeed His children! We are in the family. According to 1 Cor. 3:16, 2 Cor. 1:22; 2 Cor. 5:5; Eph. 1:13 what is the assurance that we have as being on of God's children?
- 12. Gal. 5:16-25. How do you see this struggle in your life? How can you have victory over the deeds of the flesh? Why can you have victory over the deeds of the flesh? What do you do when you commit an act of the fleshy nature?
- 13. What does it mean to keep in step with the Spirit? How can you be a wind walker?

Think About it:

The Father sent the son. The Son saved the lost. The Spirit seals the redeemed. God is the one who saves us from our sin. We live in the New Covenant age where the Spirit of the Living God indwells every believer. When we are born into His family we are adopted and given the pledge/seal/guarantee of the Holy Spirit. As "Wind Walkers" (Holy Spirit) we are to declare the good news of the kingdom and glorify the king of the kingdom!

Moving Forward:

Be intentional this week on listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Don't walk against the wind, but allow the wind of the Holy Spirit to lead you and guide you where He directs. Put to death the temptations that come your way that would have you go against the Spirit. Make an effort to all your your thoughts, words, and deeds, to be controlled by the Holy Spirit. Pray and read your Bible every day and walk in obedience!