



FEBRUARY 23, 2020 | DAVID NEWKIRK HUB NOTES

Warm up: Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

Diving in:

1. We have all had different experiences and influences that affect our view of how God's Spirit works. As you look back in years past, how would you describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Has it changed over time? If so, explain.

2. Believers have the same Holy Spirit that empowered Paul, Peter, and the early disciples. Unfortunately, sometimes we may think the Holy Spirit isn't doing much because we aren't aware of the variety of ways He works in our lives and in the world. How do the following verses further describe what the Holy Spirit does for us and through us?

Romans 5:3-5 *Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.*

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.*

Ephesians 3:16 *I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being,*

Romans 8:12-17 *Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. 14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Acts 1:8 *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."*

Acts 9:31 *Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.*

3. Most of us at some point have found ourselves wondering if the Spirit is speaking to or prompting us to make a decision or take action on something. How would you distinguish an urging of your conscience versus an urging of the Holy Spirit?

4. Galatians 5:16-26 contrasts the conflict that exists between God's spirit and our "sinful nature." As you read this passage, can you think of any examples of God's spirit helping or challenging you to put one of these "fruits" into action?

Taking it Home:

Learning to slow down enough to listen to the Spirit is essential when it comes to hearing and knowing God's leading.

How do you slow down and listen (take a walk, talk with a friend, journal, worship, a time of solitude, other)? Is there anything you want to make sure you continue to do (or add) to help you stay tuned in to what God's Spirit is doing?

How can your friends pray for you as you think through our strategic prayer request: Father, please pour out your Spirit and move us forward together?

Prayer Requests:

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2020 Breakthrough Prayer Requests:

Father, pour out your Spirit on us and move us forward together.

Father, please retire the Worship Center mortgage by 2025. Pray that our Heavenly Father will be providing for His people as they following the Spirit's leading in their finances. Pray for God to use each one of you as you listen to His guidance in this area.

Father, please use us to build a reproducing church among an unreached people by 2030. Pray that God will identify a people group He wants COD to reach with the Gospel.