



The Holy Spirit – Come Holy Spirit

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Key Verses: John 16:5-15, Galatians 5:22-25

Summary

This week Kat and Jess spoke about the prayer “Come, Holy Spirit”. At its heart, this prayer is about welcoming the work of the Holy Spirit, in our life or in the person for whom we are praying. It requires us to let go of our need for control, and to open ourselves to what God wants to do.

The Holy Spirit is always with us, but we need to learn to ‘tune in’ to his presence and activity. Sometimes our bodies and emotions may respond in unusual ways, and at other times we may experience very little. No matter which, the most important thing is to look for the change that God is making in us e.g. more patient, greater passion for Jesus, greater boldness.

When we invite the Holy Spirit to work in us, we are likely to see one or more of the following:

- A revelation of **truth** (John 16v13) e.g. about God’s character, or about something that is unknown.
- **Power** (Acts 1v8) – all power and authority held by the Father is given to us. This is to bring glory to Jesus. We need to be asking, “What is the Father doing?” and then join in with that.
- **Transformation** (Galatians 5v22-25) – as we ‘keep in step with the Spirit’, Christ’s character is formed in us.

Small Group Questions

1. What moments in your day-to-day life feel the most ordinary? What would it look like for you to be aware that they were filled with the power and presence of God?
2. When was the last time the Holy Spirit revealed a truth to you (about God, yourself or a situation)? What change resulted from this?
3. John Wimber said, "What would God do if we gave Him the chance? What if fear or self-interest didn't restrict us? What if the need for control didn't overwhelm us? What would God do?" Often, we do not take the risk to pray because of fear. Where would you love to see the power of God demonstrated, but would struggle to take the risk?
4. Looking back over the last 12-24 months, in what ways has following Jesus changed you? Spend some time giving thanks for this.

To ponder or pray about this week...

- How could you weave praying "Come, Holy Spirit" into the rhythm of your daily life?
- On one or two occasions this week spend 5-10 minutes in quiet and make yourself available and attentive to the Holy Spirit. Share what comes out of this in your group next week.