



Holy Spirit

Date: Sunday 3rd June 2018

Speakers: Andrew & Rosie McNeil, Jen Miskov

Key Verses: John 16:13, Psalm 46:10

Summary

Sunday AM central site Andrew & Rosie gave some highlights from their recent sabbatical.

During the feedback they said: "We went to some wonderful places, met with some wonderful people. But we're so aware that the growth and change we've experienced is because we made time for God. A phrase that someone shared with us in the first week away was 'Your name is in God's diary, every day.'"

Sometimes the simple act of responding to the leading of the Holy Spirit positions us for significant breakthroughs. A simple act might be making time to be silent and pray. It may be dealing with an area in our lives where Jesus is calling us to leave a thought, habit or attitude behind so we can be free to live Jesus' way. The significant and the simple are all works of the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday night Jen spoke about defining moments with God when we learn to co-operate with God's work in our heart. She led us in a time of ministry and prophetic prayer during which many people were touched by God's love and power in lots of different ways.

Over the course of this series, we've been pressing into God's presence and asking him to meet with us afresh. When he does so, as we see throughout the Bible, and throughout church history, that he challenges us, he changes us, and speaks truth to us. He also brings his peace and love even as he's bringing challenges!

Small Group Questions

There will probably be lots of different opinions and stories surrounding the work of the Holy Spirit within your small group. If you feel it would be helpful, spend a few minutes asking people how they've found the series (perhaps in smaller 2-3s) and encourage anyone who has a recent story of meeting with God to share with the wider group.

- What are some ways we can be still and open ourselves up to what God is saying and doing? Try listing some practical examples.
- Jesus says in John 16 that it is preferable for him to go and the Holy Spirit to come, and that the Spirit will guide us into all truth. What might it look like to give the Spirit's work this level of importance in our lives?
- It can be uncomfortable for people to meet with the Holy Spirit because the truth he may want to teach us can be challenging. How can we encourage each other to trust God and press into the uncomfortable spaces, so we can be changed by God?
- What is the Holy Spirit doing in your life right now, or what would you like him to do if you could ask?

To ponder or pray about this week...

- Whether it's a Sabbatical, a Sabbath in our working week, making a quiet space in our Sunday services or in our small groups, or spending time alone with God, how could the people in your group make more space for the Holy Spirit to speak to them and lead them into truth?
- You may want to encourage everyone to do something as individuals, or you may like to commit to doing something together over the coming weeks.