

By My Spirit | Spirit Shaped Life

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START TALKING - Find conversations starters for the group or with a friend.

If you were to describe the Holy Spirit in one word what word would you use?

KEEP READING - Read the Scripture and ask a question to get the group thinking. Read Zechariah 4:1 - 6

Carl shared how Zechariah received a prophetic vision of how God wanted to move in peoples lives through His Holy Spirit. We can live spirit empowered lives and be effective as we catch the wind and breath of God allowing Him to fuel us each day. Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would come and fill us with power.

- What stood out to you from the message?
- in what ways do you see the Holy Spirit moving in your life?
- What do you think it means to live a spirit empowered life?
- The words in Zechariah remind it's not by might, nor by power but my spirit. What do you think this means?

KEEP TALKING - Choose questions to create openness.

Read John 16:8. Isaiah 30:21. Acts 2:1 - 4. Acts 9:15

Dozens of people go to God to be cured of some one particular sin which they are ashamed of (like cowardice) or which is obviously spoiling daily life (like bad temper). Well, He will cure it all right: but He will not stop there. That may be all you asked; but if once you call Him in, He will give you the full treatment. Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on: you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently he starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts dreadfully and does not seem to make sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of—You thought you were going to be made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself." ~ C.S. Lewis

Three Points | Three Prayers

1. Let the Holy Spirit Reveal
2. Let the Holy Spirit Refine
3. Let the Holy Spirit Redeem
4. Holy Spirit show me
5. Holy Spirit use me

- What's the difference between condemnation and conviction and why is this important?
- When it comes the refining work of the Holy Spirit, why is it important to stay in the process?
- What do you think it means to be a chosen instrument?

KEEP MOVING/GOING -Commit to a step and live it out this week.

This week commit yourself to the Holy Spirit and invite him into your life allowing Him to do a fresh thing in your life. As you do ask Him to reveal, refine and redeem your life.

KEEP PRAYING

Share with the group if there is a particular thing you would like the Holy Spirit to do in your life and allow the group to pray with you before you leave.