

Cell Outlines

Week beginning: 3rd July 2005

Theme: The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit

Welcome: Think of one person who has had a major influence on your life. Share with your cell how they influenced you.

Worship Suggestion: Read John 4:23-24. Ask the Father to help you to worship Him as He wants and not according to our personal preferences. Perhaps the cell could meditate on these verses to help you to do this.

Word/ Teaching Slot Key Scriptures: John 14:12-27; Acts 1:4-8; John 16:5-15; 1 Cor. 2:9-16

The Holy Spirit is not a vague influence or mystic idea, He is a person. This means He can communicate and make Himself real to us. We cannot necessarily see Him, but He is real and can make a great impression on our lives through our inner being. He is the third member of the threefold Godhead.

- Like God the Father and God the Son, the Holy Spirit is:-
 - ◊ eternal (Hebrews 9:14),
 - ◊ omnipresent - present everywhere (Psalm 139:7),
 - ◊ omniscient - all knowing (1 Corinthians 2:10),
 - ◊ and omnipotent - all powerful (Luke 1:35).
- He shows personality attributes:-
 - ◊ intellect (Romans 8:27),
 - ◊ will (1 Corinthians 12:11),
 - ◊ and sensitivity (Ephesians 4:30).

He is right inside our life situations, communicating with us, opening Himself up to us and looking for us to open ourselves to Him in response. He is a person and He speaks to us personally. Every believer should know the reality and power of the Holy Spirit, bringing life right into the centre of their being and strength into their lives (John 7:38-39). Without the Holy Spirit we could never live in the power of God, or know God's strength in our daily lives. For full enjoyment and fulfilment in our human existence we need this great gift of the Holy Spirit from God our Father.

17 Different Works of the Holy Spirit in a Disciple of Jesus

He enables us to drive out demons (Matthew 12:28). He enables us to speak as God would have us speak (Mark 13:11). He enables us to be born again (John 3:5-8). He will be our Counsellor for ever (John 14:16). He lives in us (John 14:17). He teaches us (John 14:26; John 16:13-14). He convicts (John 16:8-11). He gives us the power to be God's witnesses (Acts 1:8). He enables God's love to be poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5). He testifies with our spirit that we are God's children (Romans 8:16). He helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26). He enables righteousness and peace in us (Romans 14:17). He enables us to overflow with hope (Romans 15:13). He sanctifies us (Romans 15:16). He gives various gifts as He determines (1 Corinthians 12:4-11). He enables the fruit of the Spirit in us (Galatians 5:22-23). He enables joy in us (1 Thessalonians 1:6).

Questions and discussion Points

1. In what ways does the Holy Spirit help us in our lives at a practical level?
 2. In what ways has the Holy Spirit helped you?
 3. Is your life an example to others of what it means to live as a true disciple of Jesus day by day, and if it isn't how could this situation change?
 4. What areas in your life do you need to yield to the Holy Spirit in order to be more effective for Jesus?
 5. What does it mean to grieve (Eph.4:30) &/or resist (Acts 7:51) the Holy Spirit and do we do this by fearing what He might do in and through us?
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Witness

1. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the triune Godhead, who wants to be our Counsellor and lead us to God the Father and God the Son.
2. The Holy Spirit is the source of power available to a believer, to enable him to do God's will and be what God wants him to be.
3. Through the Holy Spirit we can have the power and character of Jesus.

Spend some time praying for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit. This is not an academic exercise. When we pray for one another in this way - things happen! God moves in and changes people and situations for His glory.