

QUESTIONS *for* VIRTUAL SMALL GROUPS

HOLY SPIRIT WEEK #2

MARCH 28/29

ICE BREAKERS:

1. Are there any things you've had the time to accomplish that you wouldn't have had time for before the current state of affairs?
2. If you could have dinner with anyone, living or dead (except Jesus), who would it be and why?

LAUNCH QUESTIONS:

1. Do you have someone in your life who is the "go-to" friend you can rely on for help, honesty, and loyalty?
2. What talents or skills do you have that you consider to be natural gifts of yours? (i.e. wood working, singing, humor, etc.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What does it mean that Holy Spirit is personal with us? How have you experienced the HS in a personal way?
2. Describe in your own words what it means to "grieve the Holy Spirit." What makes this different than what we regularly consider sin.

3. In the same way, what does it mean to “quench the Holy Spirit.” Pastor Kent described this as stopping the flow when we kink a water hose. What does it look like in your life when you “stop the flow” of the Spirit? Where do we say “no” when He asks us to say “Yes?”
4. Do you believe that you have a personal spiritual gift? Are you regularly using this gift and if so, how?
5. If you do not know your unique gift or don’t believe you have one, how can this group help you discover it?
6. When we use our spiritual gifts, how does that affect others? Specifically, are you using gifts for expressing love, building others up, showing the presence of God, or strengthening others faith?

PRAYER IDEAS:

Depending on how your group responds to some of the questions, tailor your prayer to your discussions. Here are some examples:

1. Pray that their relationship with Holy Spirit will become more personal and that their ears would be tuned in to His leading.
2. Pray... if Holy Spirit has revealed to anyone how they are grieving or quenching him, that he would lead them to a clear understanding of how to live differently.
3. Or, pray that Holy Spirit would reveal gifting and purpose to each person. You may even pray for each person to be fully released into the specific gifting that God has given him/her.

SENDING CHALLENGE:

1. Challenge each member of your group to look for a way to use their gifts to spread the hope of Jesus around them. Plan to follow up next week.
2. Challenge each other to review the passages on spiritual gifts in Romans 12: 3-8, 1 Cor 12: 1-11, and Eph 4: 11-16 and answer these questions:
 - What do they see as the main functions of spiritual gifts?
 - Why are these lists written by the same person but have different sets of gifts?