

GROWTH + GROUPS

NAVIGATE LIFE TOGETHER

Maranatha Chapel Sermon Based Study Guide

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THE MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT II: JOHN 16:12-15

Receiving the Message and Relating to the Study

What insights, principles, or observations stood out to you from this week’s message? Discuss with your group.

This week, Pastor Daniel continues to tell us about the powerful ministry of the Holy Spirit. In John 14:26, Jesus tells the disciples the Holy Spirit “will teach you all things.” Now, Jesus elaborates on the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. He informs the disciples, “I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.” There was still much more Jesus wanted to tell the disciples, but the disciples could not take it all in. They were limited in their ability to understand, for they had not yet received the inspiring, illuminating, and revealing ministry of the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of Truth came, many of the disciples were divinely inspired to write the foundational doctrine revealed in scripture. Today, the Spirit of Truth continues to personally illuminate and reveal truths to us today. Let’s get into our study.

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

1. Pastor Chuck once said, “the mind can absorb only what the seat can endure.” Describe a time you were simply overwhelmed with information.
2. What struck you most from this week’s sermon?

Digging Deeper in God’s Word: Life Lessons

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 16:12-15 & 2 TIM 3:16

The work which Jesus began was continued by the Spirit of Truth, who inspired the authors of Scripture. To be inspired in this context literally means divinely breathed in. As the authors of Scripture were inspired by the Spirit of Truth, they breathed in and wrote the very words of God’s breath. 40 different authors wrote the Bible, over a period of 1600 years, and on three different continents. It maintains a consistent and coherent scarlet thread of redemption woven throughout the 66 different books. It is both archeologically and scientifically proven, without contradiction. The Bible has over 300 prophecies concerning Jesus that were fulfilled exactly as written in scripture. With God as the Originator, the Bible has proven over time to be completely true and without error.

1. Who is the Spirit of Truth? (John 14:26)
2. What will the Spirit of Truth tell us? (John 16:13-14)
3. What will Jesus tell the Spirit of Truth? (John 16:15)
4. Throughout scripture, what are some important truths we received from the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God?
5. Why do you think it important to listen to the Spirit of Truth?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ JOHN 1:1 & Matthew 4:4

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The Holy Spirit guides us into truth, and He illuminates the timeless Word of God in a fresh new light. There are two different Greek words used when referencing the Word of God. In John 1:1 the “Word” translates Logos, which refers to Jesus Himself, relating to the written words prophesied about Him in Old Testament Scripture. In Matthew 4:4, “word” translates rhema. This word is used when the Holy Spirit illuminates or highlights something to us in the present moment. For example, when you’re reading a particular passage of Scripture, perhaps one you have read many times before, and you see it in a new light and see how it applies to your life personally at that moment. Rhema feeds our souls.

1. What is the job description of a tour guide? How might the Holy Spirit relate to this job description?
2. Describe a time when you may have been reading scripture and the words were illuminated and seemed to speak to you in a new light. Or perhaps it was a sermon that seemed to be written specifically for you.
3. Read Psalm 119:105. How is the Word of God like a lamp?
4. We are not to live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God (Matt 4:4). How can we live by every word (rhema) that proceeds out of the mouth of God?
5. Why do you think it so important to read the Word of God daily? (Psalm 119:11, Eph 6:17, John 16:13-16, Romans 10:17)
6. Whom will the Holy Spirit glorify? (John 16:14) How will the Holy Spirit bring this glory?
7. What things will the Holy Spirit reveal to us (John 16:15)?

Applying God’s Word

What did you learn from this study and how does this personally speak to you? Discuss with your group.

In Luke 24, after the resurrection, we are told Jesus came up and walked alongside a couple of disciples walking to Emmaus from Jerusalem. They did not recognize Jesus, and expressed surprise that even a stranger in Jerusalem could have been unaware of what had just happened. After some discussion, Jesus, beginning in Genesis and continuing through all the books of the prophets, reviewed all the Scriptures that was prophesied of Himself. As they neared the disciple’s home, they invited their fellow-traveler to stay the night with them. At first Jesus resisted, but they prevailed, and how richly they were rewarded. When they sat down for the meal, Jesus broke bread and passed it to them. They then knew it was Jesus, He then immediately disappeared. They retraced the day’s journey and recounted how their hearts had burned within them as Jesus illuminated the Scriptures, revealing prophetic truths.

1. The Word of God personally feeds our souls. Are you actively feeding your soul by opening the scriptures? If not, how might you actively take steps to read the Word of God more often?
2. Does your heart burn more as you open the Scriptures? Before you open the scriptures, pray, and ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate and reveal the things you need to be equipped for the day.
3. The Holy Spirit brings glory to Jesus through revelation. As the Holy Spirit illuminates Scripture for us, what are some ways you can bring glory to Jesus through this revelation?

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PRAYER

Thank God for the gift of the ministry of the Holy Spirit by Whom we have the inspired Word of God. Thank Him for the truths revealed in the Scriptures. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide and illuminate Scripture that needs to be revealed to us. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us bring glory to Jesus through this revelation.

“All that belongs to the Father is Mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from Me what He will make known to you” (John 16:15).