



PART 2: THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE BIBLE

Sermon Notes

Text: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Intro:

1. The Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 1:20-21

The Holy Spirit inspired the Authors in two ways:
The authors spoke *from* God
How they spoke

2. The Holy Spirit illuminates the Bible

Hebrews 4:12

The Bible is normal in that it uses English to communicate, but it is abnormal in its revelatory nature by the Holy Spirit

We need to ask the Spirit to guide and reveal things to us that are in His Word, not independent of it.

3. The Holy Spirit equips us through the Bible

What we put our time and effort into is what is going to equip us

We can experience the revelation of the Holy Spirit through the Bible

“The distance between me and God’s revelation is the distance between me and my Bible”

Where is your Bible?

Conclusion:

How do I create a routine of reading the Bible?

- 1: Set a goal
- 2: Pick a book of the Bible to read through
- 3: Find a consistent time and place
- 4: Remove distractions
- 5: Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Word to you
- 6: Find an accountability partner

Read: 1 John

Let’s pursue God at home this week by digging into our Bibles.

Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. Do you like to have a physical Bible or do you prefer digital? Why?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Why didn't God just dictate the whole Bible? Why did He let the authors still use their own words and experience to shape how they wrote their books?
2. Read Hebrews 4:12 How do you think the Word is alive and active in your life? Are there any examples where you have truly felt that?
 - Have you ever had the experience where a passage in the Bible seems to jump out at you like it hadn't before? What's going on when that happens?
3. What is the danger of "hearing God" but not finding anything in the Bible that supports what He supposedly said?
4. The Holy Spirit equips us through the Bible. But he sometimes has competition with other influences in our lives. Consider the content you are consuming lately, especially in regard to the COVID crisis and recent racial tensions. Are you allowing the Bible inform you as much as the news or social media? What would a balanced approach look like?

Application:

Our church gathering (online or in person) isn't a spiritual gas station to fill your empty tank every week. It's a time to share and celebrate your already full tank with others. Read the scriptures daily, inviting the Holy Spirit to work through them, so you can remain filled all week!

1. Work through the 6 practical steps for creating a Bible reading routine:
 - i. Set a goal (how long/how often do you want to read?)
 - ii. Pick a book of the Bible to read through
 - iii. Find a consistent time and place
 - iv. Remove distractions (especially your phone!)
 - v. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Word to you
 - vi. Find an accountability partner