

God with You - Filled with the Spirit: Study Notes

Sermon Notes:

The last couple weeks we have been talking about God with You. The Spirit of God living in and with you. What that looks like. Who is the Holy Spirit and What does the Holy Spirit do? Today we are going to talk about being filled with the Spirit.

Romans 8:9 (NLT)

So if the Holy Spirit lives in you, what is this talk of being filled with the Spirit?

Ephesians 5:18 (NLT)

It's not a one-off experience, being filled with the Spirit – go on being filled with the Spirit over and over again.

Illustration: Jackie Pullinger - people set free from drug addiction as they received the filling of the H.S.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

What is the purpose? Power to be who God has called us to be. Power to be a witness of who Jesus is.

Now to be fair there typically is two schools of thought within the Christian community.

One says that this filling of the H.S. is the same as receiving the H.S. at salvation.

One says that even though the H.S. comes and lives in us when we decide to follow Jesus we need to experience the infilling of the H.S. this is someone separate.

It probably doesn't matter really which one is right and wrong. I think we just need to be pursue God. We need to pursue the H.S. to fill us like Paul encourages.

5 categories of people being filled with the spirit:

Longing:

Acts 2:2-4 (NLT)

Receptive:

Acts 8:14-17 (NLT)

Hostile:

Acts 9:17-20 (NLT)

Uninformed:

Acts 19:1-6 (NLT)

What are the barriers to being filled with the Holy Spirit?

doubt

Luke 11:9-10 (NLT)

Skepticism

Luke 11:11-13 (NLT)

inadequacy

Have you allowed the Holy Spirit to fill you?

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. How easy or hard do you find it to believe in the supernatural? why?
2. Have you ever had any type of supernatural experience or interesting God encounter that you could share with the group?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Acts 1:4-8

Why is Jesus insistent for them not to leave Jerusalem?

Why were the disciples asking this question that we see in verse 6? What kind of disconnect is there between Jesus goals and their goals?

What kind of disconnect do you see at times when it comes to our personal or corporate goals and the goals of Jesus?

Read together: Acts 2:1-13

What things stick out to you in this story?

What things from this story are relevant to us today in 2019?

Do you think that God still does this today within His disciples? How does it look different or similar?

Have you ever experienced the baptism of the Holy Spirit? If so what was it like?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?