Sermon Questions for Small Groups

“The Ministry of the Spirit” (Part 1)

Date: Sunday January 7, 2018

Series: Welcome Holy Spirit

Text: 2 Cor. 2:14 to the end of chapter 4

1. Discuss how we know the Holy Spirit is God. Any scriptural references or stories that come to mind that confirm the deity of the Holy Spirit?
2. Discuss the Personhood of the Holy Spirit. How do we know the Spirit is a distinct person, not just a power, with all the traits of personhood.
3. Can you remember the brief history of the Holy Spirit? When do we first see him in action? What’s his role in the Old Testament? New Testament? Now?
4. How do these three metaphors describe what the Holy Spirit is up to in the lives of Christians?

* **The Fragrance of Christ** (2:14
* **The Letter of Christ** (3:3)
* **Clay pots containing the treasure (Christ)** (4:7)

1. Discuss the idea of how we can grieve, quench, and insult the Holy Spirit, particularly in light of the three responses required of us in order to live a Spirit controlled life. In what ways is God prompting you to “show up” and trust him instead of seeking to control the outcome. (See below)

**3 Responses required by us:**

* **Renounce:** We must renounce those things in our lives that grieve, quench and insult the Holy Spirit. (4:2 – “We have renounced secret and shameful ways; includes deception/ all forms of lying and distorting the word of God”)
* **Behold:** As we turn our backs on known sin, we turn our faces towards him. We fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith.
* **Show Up:** 3:12, “Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold.”