



MISSION CREEK

Alliance Church

The Inner Witness of the Holy Spirit

1. **Read John 14:15-21** - What jumps out at you as you read this passage?
2. Pastor Keith spoke about the context of John 13-17 as the “upper room discourse” in John’s gospel. What do you remember about what Jesus is doing for his disciples with his words here in John 14?
3. In John 16:13 Jesus calls the Holy Spirit the Spirit of truth, the one who leads us into all truth. How do you think the Spirit does that? What has been the importance of hearing God’s truth in your own life?
4. Keith suggested that one way to listen for God’s voice is to listen for the Spirit’s words of affection, correction, and direction.
 - A. How have you heard the Spirit’s words of affection in your own life? How does hearing that you are loved affect the way you interact with other people?
 - B. How have you heard the Spirit’s words of correction in your life? How has the Spirit pointed out some of the “less obvious” sins in your life? What do you do when you come to the realization that some things in your life are out of sync with God’s goodness?
 - C. How have you heard the Spirit’s words of direction in your own life? Pastor Keith suggested that God’s direction is focused on helping us live wisely and effectively. How have you experienced that kind of thing in your own life? How do you go about asking for and receiving God’s direction?
5. If you have time as a group, spend time praying through the following Prayer Guide. Otherwise, take 30-60 minutes sometime this week to pray through it on your own.

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Listening for the Spirit's Voice

Create some space to listen for the voice of Jesus today. You may choose to go on a walk or find a quiet place at camp — the idea is to find a place where you can receive from the Lord. The following are a series of scriptures and questions to guide your time of listening. You may want to write out your thoughts and prayers as a way of listening for his voice.

Focus your Time on the Lord

- Take a moment (a breath even) to dedicate your time of prayer to Jesus. It's a moment to acknowledge that you are entering this time differently than the activities that have come before.

Psalm 91:14-15 (MSG):

*"If you'll hold on to me for dear life," says God,
"I'll get you out of any trouble.
I'll give you the best of care
if you'll only get to know and trust me.
Call me and I'll answer, be at your side in bad times;
I'll rescue you, then throw you a party.
I'll give you a long life,
give you a long drink of salvation!"*

Listen for His Words of Affection

- Ask the Lord to speak His words of affection about you. What do you hear him saying? What scriptures come to mind?

Romans 8:38-39 (MSG):

I'm absolutely convinced that nothing—nothing living or dead, angelic or demonic, today or tomorrow, high or low, thinkable or unthinkable—absolutely nothing can get between us and God's love because of the way that Jesus our Master has embraced us.

Listen for His Words of Correction

- Ask Jesus to speak his word of correction in your life. Think about your past week and where you felt disconnected from the Lord. Bring to him the thoughts, words, and deeds that were out of sync with Him and His ways.

Prayer of Confession, The Book of Common Prayer:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

Listen for His Words of Direction

- Ask Jesus to speak his word of direction in your life. Where do you need his wisdom? Think about your week ahead, the people, the meetings, the activities that you will face. Pray through each one, asking the Lord what is on his heart for each one.

James 1:5-8 (MSG):

“If you don’t know what you’re doing, pray to the Father. He loves to help. You’ll get his help, and won’t be condescended to when you ask for it. Ask boldly, believingly, without a second thought. People who “worry their prayers” are like wind-whipped waves. Don’t think you’re going to get anything from the Master that way, adrift at sea, keeping all your options open.”

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