

Bible Study, In His Service, Week 2

Day: 1 Gifts Of The Holy Spirit

Read As The Study Goes

1. What is the role of the Holy Spirit in witnessing?
2. What does the following say about the role of the Holy Spirit in witnessing?
 - Acts 13: 2-3
 - 1 Corinthians 2: 13-16
 - 1 Peter 1: 10-13
 - Acts 1: 8
3. Explain how some of the gifts in 1 Corinthians 12: 8-10 and Romans 12: 6-8 help a person with the task of witnessing?
4. Explain what each of the five gifts in Ephesians 4: 11 means.
5. What is the main purpose of these five gifts?
6. Read Luke 11: 9-13. Jesus says if we ask we will receive and He invites us to ask for The Holy Spirit, what do you think about it?
6. Further Reading:
 - Acts 10: 17-22. The Holy Spirit makes godly appointments
 - Acts 8: 26-40. The Holy Spirit leads us to seekers
 - Acts 20: 25-32. The Holy Spirit makes us Shepard's
 - 1 Corinthians 12: 27-30. More gifts of the Spirit
 - 1 Corinthians 14: 1-19. Propheying is more valuable than speaking in tongues

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Day: 2 Fruit Of The Spirit

Read Galatians 5: 13-26

1. How can one be certain that one is filled with the Holy Spirit?
2. What does Galatians 5: 22-23 say about it?
3. The fruit of the Spirit points to the characteristics and image of Christ. Explain how each of these characteristics in Galatians 5: 22-23 became visible in Jesus' life?
4. Read John 15: 1-8. What is the secret to bearing fruit?

5. What is the secret to being even more fruitful?
6. What prevents and stops us, sometimes, to bear very little or no fruit?
7. Further Reading:

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| • Colossians 3: 12-15. | Fruit of the Spirit |
| • Ephesians 4: 1-7 | The Spirit gives love and cultivates unity |
| • Romans 14: 13-23 | The Spirit gives peace in difficult decisions |
| • 2 Peter 1: 3-11 | Life an exemplary life |
| • Luke 4: 1-13 | Jesus filled with the Spirit overcomes evil |

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Day: 3 Walk In The Spirit

Read Galatians 5: 13-26

1. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit? (Galatians 5: 16-18 and 24-25)
2. Why is it an instruction to walk in the Spirit? (Galatians 5: 16 & 25)
3. Explain how you can walk in the Spirit, practically in your daily life.
4. Read Romans 8: 13-17. What is the way in which a child of God, that has inherited heaven, is described?
5. Read Matthew 7; 21-23. Distinguish between the two kinds of Church attendees.
6. Further Reading:

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| • Romans 6: 6-14. | Do not allow sin anymore. |
| • 1 Thessalonians 4: 1-9. | What does a Spirit controlled person looks like? |
| • Luke 11: 9-13. | Pray for a life controlled by the Spirit |
| • 1 Corinthians 3: 1-9. | Being led by the Spirit |
| • John 14: 12-20. | God is in us through His Spirit |

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Day: 4 the Voice Of The Holy Spirit

Read John 10: 1-5

1. Read John 10: 3-5 again. What is typical of the children (sheep) of God?
2. What did the Holy Spirit come?
 - John 14: 15-21
 - Matthew 10: 19-20

3. Which requirements do you have in order to hear God's voice better?
4. How do you know whether a thought in your mind is a thought from yourself (your mind) or a thought from God (the Holy Spirit?)
5. What is the correct way and the wrong way to react if an order comes up, spontaneously, in your mind?
6. Further Reading:

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| • Romans 12: 1-2. | Three things you need to hear God's voice |
| • 1 John 3: 18-24. | The Holy Spirit speaks through our conscience |
| • Romans 8: 9-17. | The secret of hearing God's voice |
| • Acts 16: 6-10. | The Holy Spirit sends us to the right place |
| • James 1: 5-8. | Pray that God will lead you |

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Day: 5 The Power Of The Holy Spirit

Read Acts 2: 37-42

1. Discuss the following examples from the Bible where the power of the Holy Spirit was experienced:

- Acts 2: 41-42
- Acts 4: 30-31
- Acts 5: 12-16

2. Think of examples where you experienced the power of the Holy Spirit.

3. Read Ephesians 1: 18-22. Describe the extend of the authority and power that a Christian has.

4. Why do we so often not experience this power of the Holy Spirit?

5. Further Reading:

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| • Psalm 146: 1-10. | The almighty God |
| • Acts 19: 11-20. | The power of God revealed |
| • Philippians 4: 10-14. | God power is bigger than any trial |
| • Revelations 12: 13-20. | The conquering of Satan. |
| • Luke 10: 13-20. | The witness' conquering of the enemy. |

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Day: 6 What Is A Member Of The Church?

Read Romans 12: 1-8

1. What did you think of being a member of your church when you became a member?

2. How did your view of membership change since then?

3. What does the following say about church membership?

- Romans 12: 4-8
- 1 Corinthians 3: 9-15
- Matthew 5: 14-16

4. What are the excuses that keep members passive and uninvolved?

5. What can be done to get members involved?

6. What is the minimum requirement to be a member of a church?

7. Further Reading

- John 8: 42-47. Church members on their way to hell
- John 3: 1-8. A church leader that does not belong to God's church
- 1 Peter 4: 7-11. The definition of a member of a church
- Luke 14: 16-20. Members that have a lot of excuses
- Romans 15: 1-6. Followers of Jesus

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Day: 7 What Is A Minister Or A Preacher?

Read Mark 10: 35-45

1. What is the wrong idea many people have about church membership?

2. What was the wrong idea the disciples had about the church?

3. What was Jesus' view on the church and church membership?

4. How can we be of practical service in?

- In a care group
- In our homes
- At work
- At the church
- In the world

5. Further reading:

- Luke 22:24-27. Jesus as THE example of a servant
- Matthew 25: 31-40. Examples of service
- Luke 17: 7-10. Obedient slaves of God
- 1 Timothy 4: 6-16. How does a good servant of Christ look?
- 2 Timothy 2: 20-26. Characteristics of a good servant