

Exploring the Holy Spirit

Session 3

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1) In your group;
Think of someone you would call one of your best friends. What makes you best friends?

2) Review:

Jesus said it was better if He left (John 16: 7) Why?

Same Jesus who had said, (Matthew 13:35) - He would reveal things hidden

3) Read 2 Corinthians 13: 14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (NIV)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. (NKJV)

Grace of the Lord

Love of God :

Communion/fellowship with the Holy Spirit: Koinonia

“fellowship, companionship, intimacy, sharing together, partnership, close mutual association”

a) Koinonia: Fellowship

What does fellowship look like? Acts 8:29 Acts 16: 6 – 7

Read John 8:47 “Whoever belongs to God, hears what God says...”

God declares the He is the Good Shepherd and His sheep hear His voice. Read the following verses, and list what the Holy Spirit reveals to you.

John 10: 3 – 5, 11, 14, 27

One name given to the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth.

Henry Blackaby in *Experiencing God*: "*You and I cannot understand the truth of God unless the Holy Spirit of God reveals it. He is our Teacher. When He teaches you the Word of God, sit before him and respond to Him. As you pray, watch to see how He uses the Word of God to confirm in your heart a work from God. Watch what He is doing around you in circumstances. The God who is speaking to you as you pray and the God who is speaking to you in the Scriptures is the God who is working around you. God speaks by the Holy Spirit through the Bible, prayer, circumstances, and the church to reveal Himself, His purposes, and His ways.*"

What are some main things you can expect the Holy Spirit to reveal to you? Read the following verses and identify 5 things the Spirit teaches.

John 14:26; 15:26; and 16:12 – 15

What is the key to knowing God's voice? Blackaby continues. "... *The key to knowing God's voice is not a formula. It is not a method you can follow. Knowing God's voice comes from an intimate love relationship with God. ... As God speaks and you respond, you will come to the point that you recognize His voice more and more clearly.*"

Relationship is the key to knowing and hearing from God's voice.

Read Amos 3: 7 How does this verse give you confidence that you won't miss what He says?

b) Koinonia means Partnership

(requires both **communication and action**)

I Co 3:9 "*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.*"

Weymouth translation: " We have been given the opportunity to work for and with the Creator of the heavens and the earth."

What does it mean to you that you are a partner with God?

Read the following Scriptures: How do you see koinonia: partnership in them?

Acts 15:28, Gen 18 and 19, Ex 32:10, Acts 13: 2 - 4

Important to remember, the Holy Spirit is the Senior member of the partnership, and always deserves our reverence. It is only by His grace that we get to be part of this team.

Read Acts 20: 28 Who made them overseers?

What are some practical things we need to do to partner with the Holy Spirit?