

Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. God wants to do something in us, and He wants to move out of us as well. What do you think is more important to God? What happens in us, or what happens in our circumstances around us?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. How would you describe the work or job of the Holy Spirit in our lives?

What does the Holy Spirit do?

3. Read Ezekiel 36:22-30.
 - a. According to verse 23, what does God want to do?
 - b. What is washed away in verse 25?
 - c. What two new things will God give us in verse 26?
 - d. What are the two different hearts in verse 26?
 - e. According to verse 27, what is the goal of the Holy Spirit in us?
 - f. What is cleansed in verse 29?
 - g. According to verse 29 and 30, what else will God do?
4. Read Genesis 6:5, Matthew 15:18-19. What does this say about our hearts?

5. Have you ever experienced Romans 7:16-20?

How does this relate to the Holy Spirit?

6. According to Proverbs 4:23, what are we to guard?
- Do you agree with this verse?
 - What do you think about the phrase, "Above all else?"
7. Read Galatians 5:16-26.
- What battle is taking place? Can you identify?
 - According to Galatians 5:19-21, what does a person look like who is NOT driven by the Holy Spirit?
 - What nature is driving them?
 - According to Galatians 5:22-26, what does a person look like who IS driven by the Holy Spirit?
8. Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit to fill you? Are you willing to say that prayer today?

Application

Below are the main points of the message. Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "If I were Satan and my ultimate goal was to thwart God's kingdom and purposes, one of my main strategies would be to get churchgoers to ignore the Holy Spirit." - Francis Chan
- "Everybody wants confidence but you don't find it in self help books. You find confidence in the Holy Spirit." - Rick Warren
- You need a new heart to be cleansed of old things. But, you need the Holy Spirit to empower you not to pick up those things again.