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MESSAGE NOTES

If you love Me, keep My commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever — the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. — John 14:15 – 17

Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves Me will obey My teaching. My Father will love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them. Anyone who does not love Me will not obey My teaching. These words you hear are not My own; they belong to the Father who sent Me. — John 14:23 – 25

For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Then they gathered around Him and asked Him, “Lord, are You at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” — Acts 1:5 – 8

When we rely on organization, we get what organization can do. When we rely upon education, we get what education can do. When we rely on eloquence, we get what eloquence can do. But when we rely on the Holy Spirit, we get what God can do. — AC Dixon

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. — Acts 2:1 – 4

The filling of the Spirit is not primarily an emotional experience, and it’s certainly not reserved for a few super-Christians. It’s nothing more than the normal Christian life when the Holy Spirit is in control. — R Prichard



DISCUSSION

Acts 1:8; Acts 2:1-4, John 14:15-16, John 14:25-26

- What was the main thing you came away with from the message?
- Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or anything that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you? What was it?
- Why do you think some people are uncomfortable with talking about the Holy Spirit?
- Explain what "power" means according to Acts 1:8
- Why was the Holy Spirit important for the mission of the disciples? Why is He important for ours?
- Have you ever experienced the "power" of the Holy Spirit in your life? If so, explain?
- What gets in the way of us experiencing God's movement in our lives?
- How do you see the Holy Spirit helping you in your walk with God?
- How does having the Holy Spirit's power make a difference in how you have been able to serve God?
- As a member of the church, how does the Holy Spirit enable you to share the gospel and join in the church's mission?
- What can you do this week to become more open to the teaching and guiding of the Holy Spirit?
- Identify one practical way you will live in the Holy Spirit more fully as a response to this week's message.