

WHAT WE BELIEVE

THE MISSION AND VISION OF LIFEPOINT CHURCH IS
TO LEAD PEOPLE TO BECOME FULLY DEVOTED
FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST.

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
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ICEBREAKER

What's your "candy tax"? What candy do you take out of your kid's treat basket? If you don't collect one, what candy can you not say "no" to?

Introduction

- Read John 7:37-39. In this passage, the Holy Spirit is likened to the way that water quenches our physical thirst, illustrating that the Holy Spirit quenches our spiritual thirst. What are some ways that you've tried to satisfy your spiritual thirst, only to walk away dissatisfied?
- Why do you think people tend to ignore or reject the Holy Spirit?

The Bible Says... God the Holy Spirit Will Be in You!

- John 14:15-17 tells us that the Holy Spirit, the Helper, comes and dwells inside us. How do you feel about the idea of God living IN you?
- What were some of your preconceived notions of the Holy Spirit, prior to this message? Were they true or false?
- Have you ever or do you struggle with the idea of the Holy Spirit being your conscience? Why or why not?
- How do you know the difference between your conscience speaking and the Holy Spirit working inside you? If you don't know, what do you think it would look like?

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The Christian Life is a Spirit-Led Life

- What are some of the biggest difficulties or obstacles you face in living a Spirit-led life?
- What does it mean for the Holy Spirit to abide in us? How do you walk according to the Holy Spirit and not your flesh?
- Do you regularly invite the Holy Spirit into your daily life? How?
- As Paul was writing to the Christians in Corinth, in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, he writes about how our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit. Do you treat your body like it is the temple of the Holy Spirit? In what ways? How do you need to improve?

We Must Cultivate a Life in the Spirit

- The ways that we can pursue the Holy Spirit and cultivate a life in the Spirit: Have a regular prayer life, regularly study the bible, have personal times of worship, be faithful in your church participation, surrender your flesh to the Holy Spirit, and learn to wait on Him. Which one of these is your strongest area and which do you need to work on the most?
- What does it look like for you personally to wait on the Holy Spirit?
- Do you take the time to intentionally align your feelings and desires with the work of the Holy Spirit in you? If so, share how you do it.
- Who in your life is an example of how to live a life in the Spirit?

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Evidence of a Spirit-Led Life

- Review the following evidence of a Spirit-led life and discuss the things that are present in your life. Where do you need to grow? How can you help others grow in these area?
 - Fruit/Evidence of the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5
 - Gifts of the Holy Spirit - Romans 12, Ephesians 4, 1 Corinthians
 - Peace of God's Spirit - Philippians 4:7
 - Love - The Greatest witness of His Spirit in you (1 Corinthians 12)
- Where have you seen the Fruit of the Spirit in your life?

ACT ON IT



ENCOURAGE

God the Father loves us, God the Son saves us, and God the Holy Spirit lives within us. The Holy Spirit is the Helper, sent to us by God the Father and God the Son, to convict us of sin, right living, and judgment through His guidance of truth. And He dwells within us to help us live lives that glorify Jesus and what He says. We're called to live Spirit-led lives, which can't be done without the Holy Spirit sealing our salvation and dwelling within us. Surrendering to the Holy Spirit, we can cultivate lives filled with prayer, scripture reading, personal worship, and church community. These things help us produce healthy fruit, gifts, peace and love. But it takes time. Don't get impatient! The Holy Spirit can't lead us if we keep getting ahead of Him.



ASK

Ask the Holy Spirit where you need to grow. What thoughts about the Holy Spirit do you need to reshape? What would it look like for you to fully submit to the Holy Spirit? What are some times where you resisted being led by the Holy Spirit? How did it play out and how can you learn from those times? What would it look like for you to treat your body like a temple this week?



CHALLENGE

Reflect on the identity, work, and power of the Holy Spirit this week. Take some time to recognize the Holy Spirit's presence in your life and the fruit that comes from that. This week, before you start each day, recognize the Holy Spirit's presence and invite Him to guide you. Yes, He's already there, but we must have the attitude of invitation and submission.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, we thank You. Thank You for being our Best Friend, our Comforter, and our Helper. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in our lives. Fill us. Give us new spirits. Arrest our hearts and fill us with Your love, Your guidance, and Your truth. Dwell in us and empower us to live for You each day. Show us Your truth in spaces where it's needed. Help us to recognize You better and see where You're working in our lives. Grow us in devotion. Help us bear fruit that resembles life with You and not what the world would want of us. Guide our steps, thoughts, and attitudes as we lean into You. And for those who need the peace and comfort that only You can bring, help them see the truth of freedom that lies in living a Spirit-led life. Only You make it possible to live the Spirit-led life that Jesus made possible for us. We praise You, and we welcome You. Amen.