



Sermon Discussion Questions – May 19, 2024

Scripture Passages:

Acts 19:1-2 While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” They answered, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.”

Acts 2:1-4 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 1:3-5 After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days, you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8 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.”

Genesis 1:2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit [Ruwach] of God was hovering over the waters.

John 6:63 The words I have spoken to you are spirit [Pneuma] and they are life.

Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9 Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I am glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me.

Ephesians 3:16 I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being....

Isaiah 30:21 Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it."

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Discussion:

1. Think about a time when you felt confused about something in your faith. How did you deal with that confusion?
2. Pastor Scott talked about the Holy Spirit comforting yet convicting us. Can you share an example of a time you experienced this?
3. One of Pastor Scott's points was "The Holy Spirit empowers me to live life fully." How have you experienced this in your own life? What does it mean to you to be empowered to live fully?
4. Read Galatians 5:22-23. Which of these fruits do you find most challenging to cultivate in your own life? Which comes most naturally to you?
5. How do you experience the Holy Spirit in your daily life?

Next Steps:

Pastor Scott ended with these two questions:

Have I prayed to receive the Holy Spirit?

Have I surrendered to receive the Holy Spirit?

How would you answer these questions? What next steps do you think God is calling you to?