

Share prayer requests with the small group. Ask someone to take notes and share the requests with group members after the meeting.

Sermon Study

December 11, 2016

Holy Spirit

John 14:15-31, 15:26-16:16

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Eastview
Christian
Church is a
fearless church
of Christ
followers whose
ridiculous love
and dangerous
witness are
irresistible.



*Eastview Christian Church small groups provide the optimal environment for the life change Jesus Christ intends for every person. Our groups typically have 8-14 people who **GATHER** together (Hebrews 10:24-25), **GROW** to be more Christ-like (Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 1:14-16), **GIVE** of themselves in various ways (1 Corinthians 12:12-27; Ephesians 4:11-16), and **GO** on to impact the world around them (Matthew 28:19).*

Gather (your group getting to know each other)

What aspects of the Christmas season spark your "Christmas Spirit?"

Go
(your group on mission)

John
15:26-27
says "...he will
testify about
me. And you
also must
testify." What
does this say
about the
believers
responsibility to
testify? Have
you created
spiritual space
in your life to
pray and
worship God
so you are
ready to testify?
If so, pray for
opportunities
this week to
share your faith
story and
believe in the
power of the
Holy Spirit to
guide you!

Grow (your group growing as Christ-followers)

Key Passage

John 14:26 – But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

Key Word

Helper – parakletōs – definition: of the Holy Spirit destined to take the place of Christ with the apostles (after his ascension to the Father), to lead them to a deeper knowledge of the gospel truth, and give them divine strength needed to enable them to undergo trials and persecutions on behalf of the divine kingdom

Discussion

1. Read and discuss the gather question.
2. Have someone read the scriptures for this study to the group.
3. Open the discussion by leading the group in prayer.
4. Love and obedience can't be separated. Read John 14: 15, 21 and 23. Pay attention here as Jesus says the same thing three times in the same chapter.
 - a. Do you love Jesus?
 - b. How does your life reflect obedience to Him? What specific things do you need to repent of to be more obedient?
5. Read vs. 16-17. Describe in your own words what is taking place here.
 - a. Who receives the Holy Spirit and when?
 - b. Where does the Spirit live? Read also Colossians 1:24-27. John 14:27 says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you."
 - c. What kind of peace is Jesus talking about here?

6. Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to be our Helper as we follow Him. Read the Key Passage and Key Word Study.

- a. Can you give testimony to how the Spirit is helping you now?
- b. What is the Spirit teaching you right now?

7. John 16:8 says "When he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment."

- a. Read vs. 9 and then John 14: 23-24 again. Why does Jesus continue to say "obey my teaching?" Are all teachings of Jesus truth or are they mere suggestions to pick and choose from as this culture is suggesting? Discuss some examples.
- b. Read vs. 10. What is the spirit convicting here about righteousness? (Rms. 1:17 and 3:21-24)
- c. Read vs. 11. The cross was Satan's judgment, his defeat. What biblical truth and hope does this defeat give you?

8. The atmosphere around the holiday season miraculously brings friends, families and people together finding a common ground for peace and happiness; the Christmas spirit if you will. The atmosphere for the believer in Christ changes as the Holy Spirit now lives within and is at work. Identify some additional attributes of the Holy Spirit in the following scriptures:

- a. John 16:13 _____
- b. John 16:14 _____
- c. Eph. 1:17-18 _____
- d. 1 Cor. 2:10 _____
- e. 1 Cor. 12:11 _____
- f. Romans 8:26 _____
- g. Galatians 5:22-23 _____

Give
(your group serving each other)

Reflect on the attributes above for a few minutes. Where is the Holy Spirit most active for you? Where do you need to get closer to Jesus so the Holy Spirit can work?

Small groups should also be a "helper" for each other. How is your small group acting as a Helper in each other's lives? In what ways do you need to improve?