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THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN EDITION

SERMON: The Spirit's Power for Mission
(WATCH SERMON) (SERMON NOTES)
SPEAKER: Pastor Steve
CORE SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-23

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

SUMMARY

In this final installment of the Holy Spirit series, Pastor Steve explored the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in equipping believers for a mission beyond their own strength. The sermon highlighted three gifts Jesus offers: Peace Restored, a Calling Given, and Power Bestowed. Jesus meets us in our fears, sends us into the world as the Father sent Him, and empowers us with the Holy Spirit to fulfill our mission.

SHARE

Have you ever experienced imposter syndrome, feeling like you weren't qualified for a task or role? What was it like and how did it resolve?

READ

As a group, read **John 20:19-23** out loud together.

DISCUSS

Feel free to pick/choose what is most helpful for you. Remember the goal is to have rich, relational, authentic, Jesus-centered discussions.

1. What most stood out to you about the sermon?

2. In John 20:19-23, Jesus offers peace to His disciples twice. Why do you think this was significant, especially considering their state of fear? How does this peace relate to the concept of shalom mentioned in the sermon?

3. Pastor Steve mentioned that Jesus' mission is now our mission. How does understanding ourselves as "sent people" change the way we view our daily lives and interactions?

4. The sermon referenced Jesus breathing the Holy Spirit onto the disciples. How does this act connect to the creation account in Genesis, and what does it signify about the new creation in Christ?

5. Reflect on the illustration of Jesus “moving into the neighborhood.” What can we, as a church and individuals, do to embody this in our immediate location?

6. How can the presence of the Holy Spirit help us overcome feelings of inadequacy or imposter syndrome when we are called to step into new roles or challenges? Do you think this happens instantly or perpetually?

7. Pastor Steve shared a personal story about stepping into a leadership role. Where can we discern and respond to God’s calling in our own lives, even when it feels daunting?

NEXT STEPS:
Consider practical ways you can embody the mission of Jesus in your community this week. How can you bring peace, presence, and the message of forgiveness to those around you?

PRAY:
Spend time in prayer as a group, asking for the Holy Spirit’s empowerment to live out the mission Jesus has given us. Pray for courage to step into our callings and for peace in the midst of fear. Ask the Holy Spirit to come and strengthen each person, and as comfortable use anointing oil as a tangible example of the Spirit coming.

CLOSING:
Thank everyone for their participation and encourage them to continue reflecting on how they can be “sent people” in their daily lives.