

CREED: The Holy Spirit

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TALK ABOUT IT

1. What is confusing about God that He is 3 persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. What do we learn about God when Holy Spirit is described as Advocate, Counsellor or living breath?
3. Scott said, "To develop an intimate relationship with the Holy Spirit, we need to ask Him first to show us what needs attention in our lives." What is the Holy Spirit attending to in your life?

LOOK AT THE WORD

For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord—who is the Spirit—makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18

- How does the Spirit of the Lord bring freedom?
- What 'veil' is Paul referring to?
- What does it mean to be changed to be more and more like the Lord?

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

- What role does the Spirit of God play in the creation story?
- What is the connection between the work of the Spirit to establish life at Creation and other Biblical stories?

God is Spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the spirit and in truth. John 4:24

- What does it mean to "worship in the spirit"?

- Or “to worship in truth”?

“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 1:8

- How will the earlier Church receive the Holy Spirit?
- What is the connection between receiving the Spirit and witness?

...“Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain...So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. Ezekiel 37:9-10

- Why does God tell Ezekiel to prophecy?
 - What does it mean to ‘prophecy’?
- What are the ‘four winds’?
- What is God revealing to Ezekiel by this breath entering into the slain?

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13

- Why does Paul call God, “the God of hope”?
- What is the connection of joy and peace to an overflow of hope in the Spirit?
- What does it mean to “overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit”?
- What are characteristics of “the power of the Holy Spirit”?

LOOK INWARD

Scott said, “If you follow Jesus, gave your life to him and He forgave your sins, you have received the Holy Spirit.”

- In what ways do you agree with this statement?
- What questions do you have about this statement?

Scott said, “You might not feel powerful but if you’ve trusted Jesus, Holy Spirit dwells inside of you and the same power that raised Him from the dead is the power inside of you.”

- In what ways can Holy Spirit give power?
- What happens when we give up our power and access Holy Spirit’s power?

- If we tend to like “predictable” and the Spirit blows wherever it wants to, what questions or concerns does that raise for you?

Your hope is limited when it isn't put in an unlimited God - Holy Spirit gives you the power to experience the fullness of God. - Scott Lanigan

Scott said, “Faith is the catalyst that moves God to action.”

- In what ways can faith move God to action?
 - What are examples from the Bible?
 - What are examples in your own life?
- Scott posed the questions:
 - Are you living in the power of the Holy Spirit?
 - How might you live differently if you are not?
 - What would you ask the Spirit to do in life that Holy Spirit isn't doing yet?

LOOK OUTWARD

Scott focussed on Ezekiel's experience with God's Spirit.

- Where do you see “dry bones” in your life? What does that look like?
- What role are you willing to play or responsibility are you willing to take to let the Spirit blow through you to bring those bones back to life?
- Is there someone, in particular, who comes to that mind that needs life blown into their dry bones?

Scott asked us to consider:

- Who's name comes to mind that needs to be invited into new life?
- Who's name comes to mind that needs your life of power to come alongside them?

SO WHAT?

Holy Spirit, take more of me.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born from the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
dead and buried, descended into hell, on the third day rose again from the dead,
ascended to heaven, sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty,
thence He will come to judge the living and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the remission of sins,
the resurrection of the flesh, and eternal life. Amen.*

BREATH PRAYER

Holy Spirit, expose my life and take more of me.

FURTHER RESOURCES

Coldest Night of the Year 2024

Our groups are gathering to support the vulnerable in our community by walking together and raising funds for Metro on February 24, 2024. If you can't walk, make plans to come and cheer or serve alongside the teams for an amazing chance to love some of the least of these. Visit the groups page to register with the "Trinity Church Kelowna" team.