**Life Group Study Guide: Loved what you heard on Sunday? Want to go deeper? The life group study guide will help you unpack what you heard on Sunday while diving deeper into God's word.**

***CONNECT***

*Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit in your life? What was it like?*

***DIGGING DEEPER***

*Understanding the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives as followers of Jesus can, at times, be confusing. Years before the events of the Corinthian church, Jesus foretold to his disciples of the Spirit’s future role in their lives. As you read through what Jesus shared with the disciples in John 14, jot down any further descriptions, roles, and insights on what it means to have God’s Spirit in you.*

**Read John 14:1-31**

* Looking at John 14, what does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do in the disciple’s lives? Have you seen the Holy Spirit do the same in your life?

*We saw in this weekend’s teaching that the faithful will be given spiritual discernment to walk in the perfect will of God. For centuries people have debated as to what this looks like, and how we know if it’s the Holy Spirit leading us, or just the “burrito” we ate the night before. How does Paul help us define what this means in Galatians 5:16-26?*

**Read Galatians 5:16-26.**

* Looking at this passage, what do we see the Holy Spirit producing in a believer’s life? What is this spiritual fruit contrasted with? What spiritual fruit have you found growing in your life? Is there any bad fruit that you need the Spirit’s help to prune away?

*Something many people don’t realize is the amazing work of God in our lives as a result of His Spirit being in us. Find a place where you won’t be distracted and take a few minutes to read through Romans 8. Underline or jot down all that you gain and what God accomplishes through His Spirit working in you.*

* How does Romans 8 describe the Holy Spirit’s work in the life of a believer? Have you experienced the Holy Spirit doing a similar work in your life?

***DISCUSS***

When was the last time you experienced the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life?

* *When was a time you loved beyond your natural ability to love?*
* *When did you feel joy beyond your natural joy?*
* *Was there ever a time when you shouldn't have been able to forgive, but you did?*
* *Tell your group about a time you felt peace beyond your own peace.*

What is one take away from this study that you will commit to place into action?

**180-Day Guided Tour of the Bible**

**Reading Plan for Week of April 22nd**

**Day 136 –** Matthew 27: No Justice

**Day 137 –** Mark 15: The Last Temptation

**Day 138 –** Matthew 28: A Rumor of Life

**Day 139 –** John 20: The Rumor Spreads

**Day 140 –** Luke 24: The Final Link

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Messy Christianity | 1 Corinthians 2

“SPIRITUAL WISDOM IN A MESSY WORLD”

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**1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (NIV)** *1 When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God. 2For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. 4My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit’s power, 5so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God’s power.*

**GOD’S WISDOM…**

* **IS COUNTER-INTUITIVE**

**1 Corinthians 2:6 (NIV)** *6We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.*

* **HAS NO EXPIRATION DATE**

**1 Corinthians 2:7-8 (NIV)** *7No, we declare God’s wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

* **IS HIDDEN**

**1 Corinthians 2:9-10 (NIV)** *9However, as it is written: “What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived” the things God has prepared for those who love him— 10these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.*

* **IS THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WHAT DOES HE DO?**

**GOD**

* Helps us understand God’s Wisdom | John 14:26
* Marks us as His | Ephesians 1:13
* Helps us in times of Weakness | Romans 8:26-27

**1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NIV)** *10**The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.*

* **THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TO US OUR OWN THOUGHTS**
* **THE HOLY SPIRIT REVEALS TO US GOD’S THOUGHTS**

**1 Corinthians 2:12-13 (NIV)** *12What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.*

* **THE HOLY SPIRIT USES A DIFFERENT VOCABULARY = OBEDIENCE**

**1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NIV)** *14The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16for, “Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?”  But we have the mind of Christ.*

* **THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES US SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT**