

Being a Church Led by the Holy Spirit

Sunday, February 7, 2016

I will ask the Father and He will give you another Counselor to be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans. I will come to you.

John 14:16 - 18

The role of the Holy Spirit today is not to write Scripture. It is to apply Scripture. The Spirit does not give new revelation; He reminds believers of what God has already revealed and then applies those truths to their lives.

Henry and Richard Blackaby,

Hearing God's Voice, p. 83

Introduction:

I now know that my goal and God's goal were different. I wanted an answer to my question; God wanted me. I was all about the product. He was all about the process. I was focused on the end; God was focused on the means to it. I was searching for direction; God wanted me searching for Him... Perhaps this explains why God doesn't answer our questions or solve our problems right away.

Don Cousins, *Experiencing LeaderShift*, p. 46 - 47

Sermon Outline:

1. Waiting for the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:12 - 14; 2:14 - 21; Luke 3:21 - 22; 4:14 - 19)

2. Hearing from the Holy Spirit (Luke 11:9 - 13; Rom. 8:15 - 16; Heb. 3:7 - 15; Rev. 3:22)

3. Cooperating with the Holy Spirit (Acts 7:48 - 51; Gal. 5:16, 22 - 26; Eph. 4:30; 5:18; 1 Thes. 5:19)

Questions for Reflection / Discussion:

- i. Read the Don Cousins' quote above. How would you describe the difference between God's goals for our lives and what we often pursue as life goals? (Discuss)

- ii. Can you think of an example where 'waiting' for God's timing was difficult for you? (Share this).

- iii. What do you believe about how the Holy Spirit speaks today? What are some potential dangers in hearing Him speak? What are some dangers in believing that He does not speak today?