



What we Learned

Winter 2005 Community Group

Deut 4:29, Psalm 37:4, Deut 6:4-9; John 15:1-12

Levy Group

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1. The Basics of the Holy Spirit

- a. We receive the Holy Spirit when we are born again (Eph 1:13) – all Christians have the Holy Spirit working in their lives
- b. The Spirit continually works in us whether we are aware of it or not – like the wind, we cannot see it, only the results (Jn 3:8)
- c. When we are stuck, the Spirit pulls us out – helps us get unstuck (Rom 8:26-28)
- d. God finishes what He started – His Spirit will keep working until we are done (Philip 1:6)
- e. Often there is joy when the Holy Spirit is moving
- f. The Holy Spirit is our personal trainer – He trains us for righteousness (1 Tim 4:7-8)
- g. God's word is a crucial in our training – it gives the Spirit something to work with (2 Tim 3:16)
- h. The Holy Spirit does many things (John 6:63, 8:47, ch 14-16; Acts 4:8, 8:29, 10:19, 11:12,28, 13:2, 20:23,28; Mark 13:11, 1 Jn 4:6, Gal 5:22; Lk 1:44, 2 Cor 3:14, 1 Cor 2:14, etc.
- i. Where the Holy Spirit is, there is Liberty (2 Cor 3:17)

2. The Spirit Centered Mindset - Rom 8:1-15; Col 3:1-17; 2 Cor. 3:17

- a. The Mind Set on the Spirit is Life and Peace, The Mind set on the Flesh is Death
- b. Start each day asking God to help us set our mind on the Spirit, not the flesh
- c. This is one of the keys to successful Christian Living – it starts here, with our mindset
- d. Without a spiritual mindset, we are wasting our time – the flesh profits nothing (John 6:63) – it is the Spirit that gives life

3. Walk in the Spirit - Rom 8:7, 12-13; Gal 6:8

- a. Walking in the Spirit is choosing to obey the Spirit instead of the flesh – it is that simple
- b. "Crucifying the flesh" is saying no to the flesh
- c. We are to be dead to sin and alive to God (Rom 6:11)
- d. All day long we come to crossroads where we must choose to either obey the flesh or the Spirit – our choices establish the success or failure of our Christian walk and witness

4. Led by the Spirit - Rom 8:14; Mt 4:1; Gal 5:18

- a. The leading of the Spirit trains us for righteousness
- b. Like any training, it requires discipline, effort, desire,
- c. Gifting/talent plays a role just as a person might be a gifted runner in football – the Spirit develops our gifts so we can perform at our best
- d. The spirit of the world wants to lead us also – we must reject this leading (1 Jn 2:15-17)
- e. Sometimes the Spirit leads us into the world to face temptation (Mt 4:1-11) – it is for our training and testing – we are only tempted by what we are capable of doing and willing to do, so temptation reveals our weaknesses
- f. We are never tempted beyond what we can bear (1 Cor 10:13)
- g. Joy and Godly desire are at the core of being led by the Spirit (Heb 12:2)

5. Sow to the Spirit – Galatians 6:7-10

- a. Sowing to the Spirit is obeying the Spirit's leading (1 Samuel 15:22-23)
- b. Sowing to the Spirit leads to life, sowing to the flesh leads to corruption
- c. Sowing to the Spirit can be as simple as doing good
- d. Sowing to the Spirit is obeying God's word – keeping His commandments
- e. Keep sowing to the Spirit – do not lose heart – you will eventually reap fruit

6. Rivers of Living Water – John 7:38

- a. Is 58:11
- b. 1 Cor 15:45