



Unquenchable Spirit

2 Corinthians 3:1-18

1. What do you think of those ghost investigation TV shows? Real or fake? In what sense does talking about the “Holy Spirit” seem similar or different than “ghosts” to you?

2. On a day-to-day level, how aware are you of the Holy Spirit in your life?

None

Rarely

Sometimes

Most times

If you marked “sometimes” or “most times,” in what way(s) do you usually sense the Holy Spirit the most clearly in your life?

3. In verses 1-3, Paul says that the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Corinthians’ lives was the proof that Paul’s work was of God. What would you say is the biggest indicator of the Holy Spirit’s work in your life in the last 12 months?

4. In verses 4-6 we see that the Holy Spirit is the One who empowers us to do ministry. What are some common things people think they need to serve God? What is the balance between our abilities and the Holy Spirit making us competent?

5. If you’ve experienced this, briefly tell the group about a time that you felt inadequate for the ministry that God called you to do and how things worked out.

Verses 12-18 tell us that the Holy Spirit brings both boldness and freedom to our lives.

6. What do you think the Holy Spirit sets us free from? How have you experienced this freedom in your life? Why do you think some struggle to find freedom in the Holy Spirit?

7. Can you think of any examples from the Old Testament where people did bold things because God's Spirit was with them? In what way does the Holy Spirit bring boldness to our lives today? How do you think we tap into the boldness we can have through God's Spirit?

8. As we conclude our discussion on these verses, in which area(s) is God most speaking to you? After a moment of reflection, pair up and share your thoughts and pray for one another.
 - Do you sense a need to increase your awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life?
 - Do you need to take a risk to rely on the Holy Spirit to serve God in some way?
 - Do you need to discover more freedom in your life through following the Spirit's leading?
 - Do you need to experience the boldness of the Holy Spirit as you face something in your life?

Going deeper - study these passages to learn more about the work of the Holy Spirit...

John 14 - what role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives?

Galatians 5 - what does "living by the Spirit" look like?