

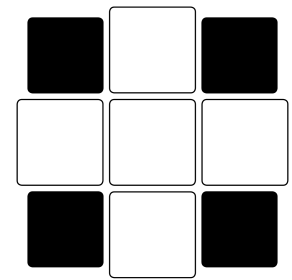
He Convicts

Scripture: John 16:7–11

Series: The Holy Spirit

Sunday, July 27, 2014

Corroborating Texts: Genesis 3:15; Matthew 12:26ff; Luke 10:18;
1 Corinthians 2:2–5; 2 Corinthians 4:4



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Overview

The conviction of the Holy Spirit leads us to see the beauty and supremacy of Christ above everything else. The Holy Spirit convicts us of sin, righteousness, and judgment. The conviction of the Holy Spirit produces humility, joy, and boldness.

Discussion Questions

1. What is conviction? What are some of your convictions? Have you ever been convicted of something? [Start by sharing one of yours, a la Joe's iPhone illustration.]
2. What is the connection between sin and unbelief? Where does "practical atheism" play into this? [rejection of God rather than disbelief in God] How is every sin a practical outworking of functional atheism? How does that change how you think about sin?
3. What is conviction of righteousness? [The Gospel: Jesus' person and work.] How does the Holy Spirit work this work? [Gospel preached. Holy Spirit saves.] Why did you believe the Gospel? [Have one person share their story.]
4. How does the Holy Spirit convict of judgment? [Satan, ruler of world has been judged. Cf. Matthew 12:26; Luke 10:18; 2 Corinthians 4:4. We see that Satan has fallen and Jesus has risen.] Why is this significant?
5. The Holy Spirit's conviction produces **humility**, **joy**, and **boldness**. What do each of these fruits really look like when they are at work in our lives? Are you seeing these fruits in your life? If not, what must you do?
6. Is it difficult for you to have boldness to share the gospel? What are some of your barriers? Does it help knowing that the Holy Spirit convicts people? How?