

Power from Heaven

Small Group Questions

Getting to know you question:

1. Share what you remember about flying a kite when you were a kid.

Sermon reflection questions:

2. Which of the ministries of the Holy Spirit that Dennis talked about was most needed?

Into the Bible:

It was important for Jesus to come in the flesh—we could identify with him in his humanness. But when he left it was important that he not leave us alone, so he sent the Holy Spirit.

3. What are the advantages and limitations of Jesus being physically present on earth? What are the advantages of the Holy Spirit being inside every believer?

4. In John 3:8, while talking to Nicodemus, Jesus said that the Spirit is like the wind. What is the wind like and in what way is the Spirit like the wind?

5. How does the connection between Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and us actually work? (For a little help, see John 16:13-15).

6. How does the Holy Spirit (who inspired the writing of the Bible according to 2 Peter 1:21) affect what we get out of Scripture reading?

7. Jesus came to remove the penalty of our sin. The Holy Spirit has come to provide the power to overcome our tendency to sin. What are some possible reasons that people are not accessing that power? (Answer on your own before looking for hints in Romans 8:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:19, and Ephesians 4:30)

8. John 16:13 says the Holy Spirit “guides” us into the truth. How does the Spirit guide you most often? Select from the list or add your own and explain what you mean.

- Feelings
- The Bible
- Preaching
- Words of wisdom from another believer
- The “still small voice”
- The words of a song

9. Describe a time when the Holy Spirit reminded you of a Bible verse or spiritual principle at an opportune time.

10. The work of the Holy Spirit in our lives always produces a result as shown in Galatians 5:22-26. What can a believer do to promote the growth of this fruit in their lives?

Application:

11. Daily make time to ask the Spirit to fill you.