

## Keeping in step with the Spirit – Bible Study 1

- You'll find the whole Sermon series plan inserted below the study

### For Starters

- What are your biggest questions about the Holy Spirit?
1. Is the Holy Spirit an optional extra for Christian living? Do some Christians have God's Spirit and others not? Do we need him? Why?
    - John 3:5-7, 7:37-39, 14:14-17
    - Romans 8:9
    - Eph 1:17
  2. How does the Holy Spirit transform our view of God and Jesus?
    - Rom 8:14-15
    - 1 Cor 12:3
  3. What does God promise about the coming spirit and what he would do?
    - Isaiah 44:3
    - Joel 2:28-29
    - Ezk36:24-28
    - Luke 3:16 (Fulfilled in Acts 2:32-33)
  4. At what point does one receive the Holy Spirit?
    - John 7:39
    - Eph 1:13-14
  5. Is the Holy Spirit an active impersonal force from God or personal? Why does this matter?
    - Jn 14:16-17, 24, 16:13-14.

6. What do you think it means to live by or keep in step with the Spirit? How do you recognise when you are walking by the spirit versus living by the flesh?

- Ephesians 5:17-21
- Galatians 5:16-25
- Ephesians 1:17-20

7. What comfort does the Holy Spirit give us despite our sinfulness?

- Rom 8:10-11

8. Read 1 Corinthians 2:1-16 and 3:1-3. Why can't we understand God on the basis of worldly human wisdom? How does the Spirit help us to know God (his plan, character, wisdom, and power)? How is the world's wisdom different to God's?

#### **Pray**

- Together or in smaller groups pray
  - o That we'd trust in Jesus if we haven't already and so receive his Spirit
  - o That we'd be filled afresh with the Spirit of God and walk in step with his will and desires for us
  - o That the spirit would grow us in Christlike maturity and service to God and others

<b><i>TEACHING SERIES: Keep in Step with the Spirit</i></b>
24 <sup>th</sup> Aug: 1 Cor 2:10-16 (Introduction)
31 <sup>st</sup> Aug: Eph 4:1-6 (One in Spirit pt1)
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept: 1 Cor 12:12-27 (One in Spirit pt2)
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Church Wknd Away
21 <sup>st</sup> Sept: Gal 5:13-26 (Fruit of the Spirit pt1)
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept: Eph 4:17-32 (Fruit of the Spirit pt2)
5 <sup>th</sup> Oct: Rom 12:1-8 (Gifts of Spirit pt1)
12 <sup>th</sup> Oct: 1 Cor 12: 1-11 (Gifts of Spirit pt2)
19 <sup>th</sup> Oct: 1 Cor 14:1-12 (Gifts of Spirit pt3)