

The Spirit Who Lives in You

Small Group Discussion Questions

PUBLIC WORSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

The global pandemic COVID-19 has forced us to adjust and adapt how we do church and stay connected to one another as a congregation. We're not closed as a church, we're just doing church differently! So, please stay connected to the body at Grantham Church. Join our congregation for worship in-person with restrictions or online at 10:30 am each Sunday morning via our Grantham Church YouTube Channel. For more information, please go to the [Grantham Church Live](#) page at our website.

As usual, the sermons will be posted to the [recent sermons page](#) on our website and at the [Grantham Church Podcast](#) the following day, along with the small group discussion questions under Worship Resources. Thank you for staying connected with us!

Sunday, April 11th 2021



Sermon Title: The Spirit Who Lives in You

Scripture Reading: John 14:15-19; 20:19-23; Romans 8:6-11; 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Sermon Focus: The New Testament says that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is given to reside in those who follow him as disciples. As we see in one Easter encounter with the risen Jesus, the Lord gives us his Spirit to know his peace and be empowered to follow him. Listen as Julia Johnson shares with us how we can receive the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead so that we can experience his life in us.

Thank you for going deeper in conversation with your small group in person, by phone, or video call! Use the following questions to guide your small group discussion:

1. Read 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 together. Julia said that if you don't understand your new identity (i.e. that you are a "new creation" in Christ), then you can't fully receive who God is and what he has for you. Why is this true? Share how you have experienced this in your own life. What has God shown you about this?
2. In John 14:18, Jesus says that he will not leave his disciples as "orphans" but will come to them in a new way—through the power of the Holy Spirit. Julia said that she resonates with Jesus' words because she felt abandoned and unsure of who she was when she was younger. How does Jesus' words speak to you? Also, how have you experienced the reassuring presence of the Spirit in your life?
3. Julia shared some of her own story of healing and how her husband (Dwayne) was instantly healed from drug addiction. She said that the Spirit doesn't always work this way, but he did in Dwayne's life. If we're honest, many in the church today are skeptical of God's power to heal this way. Why do you think that is?
4. Julia shared how the Spirit spoke to her while she was washing dishes. The Spirit asked her to make a sandwich for her husband, but she didn't want to do it. She was upset (rightfully so) because of her husband's poor decisions. Yet, she chose to do it anyway and experienced God's love rise up in her as she obeyed. What do you think of this story? How does it speak to you? Also, why do you think that we don't listen and rely more upon the Holy Spirit on more of a regular basis?
5. Read Romans 8:6-11 together. Paul invites us to live a life that is governed by the Spirit, not to live by our flesh and what seems right to us. So, in order for us to experience Christ in us, we must learn to listen and obey him. How might God be calling you to deepen your reliance upon the Spirit?
6. Julia shared a recent example of how she and Pastor David listened to the Holy Spirit through the Discipleship Pastor search process. How did this story speak to you? What does it say about how God work in our lives and in the church?
7. At the end of her message, Julia invited us to hold a word in our hands and then give it to God—something that keeps you from complete surrender to the Holy Spirit. If you're willing, please share with your group what that is in your life. How can your group pray for you to live more dependently upon the Holy Spirit?