

Discussion Guide

Series: The Promise Wk 2: Promise of the Holy Spirit

March 16, 2025



Big Idea

Loving Jesus as evidenced by keeping His commands allows Him to unleash the full power His Holy Spirit into our lives.



Icebreaker

Share an application you realized this past week by reading through & processing the Daily Readings for this Sermon Series. If you don't have the Daily Reading plan, it can be found here:

https://www.revivewesleyan.com/files/uploads/ThePromise_readingplan_webcopy.pdf



Discussion Questions

1. This Sunday we talked about the Holy Spirit part of the Trinity. But if someone were to ask you to describe the Trinity overall, and the parts of it, how may you do so?
2. As you read the following, make note of & share with one another key phrases &/or thoughts that help us to better understand the Holy Spirit and how He works in & through us. Read John 14:15-27.
3. Re-read John 14:15, focusing on the phrase, *"If you love me"*. Share some things that we tend to consider as being an indication of our love for Jesus.
4. While considering the phrase, *"keep my commands"* (John 14:15) now read Mark 12:30-31. If loving Jesus means doing so with all of one's heart, soul, mind, & strength AND loving our neighbor (others) as ourselves, then is loving Jesus more than what you may have shared in question 3 above? What are some ways you personally & practically need to love Jesus more?
5. Re-read John 14:16-17. What does our love of Jesus as backed up by our obedience to Him unleash the power of? Why is this helpful to, &/or healthy for, us? How is it healthy for the expansion of the Kingdom of God upon the earth?
6. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit? If so, how would you describe that experience & how did it occur for you? If you have experienced the Holy Spirit several times, then pick a time to share/describe. Does understanding the opportunity you have for Jesus to unleash the full power of the Holy Spirit in your life excite or scare you more & why?
7. Read John 14:16 & 26. In verse 16 Jesus says that the Holy Spirit will be *"another"* advocate. What is the significance of the use of the word *"another"*? What is an advocate & why is this so encouraging to think of as we consider this being what the Holy Spirit is to be in our lives? What, in particular, does this Advocate (the Holy Spirit) do for the lover of Jesus per vs. 26?



Concluding Questions

What would it take & look like for you to cooperate with Jesus in His desire to unleash more of the power of the Holy Spirit in your life? What is stopping you?



Prayer

Pray for our church's hosting of "The Easter Story" for kids & families. This will be at the McKinley Campus on Friday, 3/28 at 6pm. It has the potential to be a growth opportunity for all ready church families, but also an amazing witnessing opportunity for families that could & should be invited in. Who could you invite? Prayerfully consider doing so!