



Salt Life

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Announcements

201 Dream Team Orientation – Take your second step in PATHWAY and come find your place to serve on the Dream Team. This event is Sunday, May 11, 2014 at 5:00 pm.

301 Biblical Foundations – Don't miss this great class, which will give you the foundation you need to grow in your understanding of God and your relationship with Him. This ten-week class is your third step in PATHWAY and begins Monday, June 9th at 7:00 pm.

401 Small Group Training – Do you want to learn how to help others grow in their relationship with God and with others? Take your fourth step in the PATHWAY and join us at 401 Small Group Training. Sunday, May 25th at the Little Creek Campus.

Warm-up

Who are some of the most influential people in your life? What makes them so influential?

Today we are going to discuss how God has called Christ-followers to be “salt of the earth” and how we can grow in our influence when we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Word and Application

Read Matthew 5:13. In this verse, Jesus emphasizes the role Christians play in society – to be influencers. He also warns against a challenge Christians must face – losing their influence.

What are some reasons Christians may lose their influence?

Read 2 Timothy 3:5. This is the result of Christians who lost their influence because they have lost the fullness of the Holy Spirit in their lives. God wants us to live overcoming and influential lives as a result of our relationship with Him.

Now we will discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives and how we can continually walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and be influencers in our world.

Read John 14:16-17 to discover the first role of the Holy Spirit we will discuss today. In these verses we see the Holy Spirit is “with” us and is responsible to show us our need for a relationship with God.

Can you share what your experience was like when the Holy Spirit was drawing you into a relationship with God the Father?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:19 to discover another role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. The Holy Spirit lives “in” Christians. When we receive Christ, it is the Holy Spirit who comes to live within us.

When the Holy Spirit lives in us He leads us into truth, He helps us in prayer, and He helps us become more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit dwells “in” us helps us to have victory over sin and over the desires of the flesh. The Holy Spirit is the Helper that comforts us in times of distress. The Holy Spirit strengthens us, encourages us and guides us. It’s also the Holy Spirit that warns us and protects us from danger and harm. He gives us wisdom and clear guidance we sense in our hearts.

How has the Holy Spirit been active in guiding you in your life as a Christ-follower?

Read Acts 1:8 to learn about the third role the Holy Spirit plays in our lives. The Disciples needed the overflowing of the Spirit to effectively influence/reach their world for Christ

How do you think this promise of the Holy Spirit’s empowerment affected the disciples’ confidence to become influencers in their world?

The word “upon” gives us a picture of an “overflow.” This is the experience that allows the Holy Spirit to flow out of our lives, which means we do not only have the Holy Spirit living “in” us, but we become channels by which the Holy Spirit flows out to make us influence to the world around us.

How has the Holy Spirit come “upon” you to help you become influential in your world?

Being filled with the Holy Spirit is something we should be continually seeking (Ephesians 5:18). In order to live in a continually state of “being filled” with the Holy Spirit we must do two things:

- 1) **Ask** (Luke 11:11-13)
- 2) **Receive** (Mark 11:24)

We need to embrace our relationship with the Holy Spirit if we are going to be the salt/influencers God has called us to be in our world.

Prayer

Pray for everyone in your group to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit where they are filled daily with his power so they can be influencers. Also, take time to ask for specific prayer requests from those in your small group.