

## Sermon Discussion Questions: April 17th - 18th

**Title:** This is a Move!

**Text:** Acts 1

**Target:** The Holy Spirit in the life of a follower of Jesus is the difference maker between living in daily victory or living in defeat.

### Getting Started

**Question #1:** When we think about the Trinity (God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit), some of us tend to overlook the Holy Spirit. Before we get into discussing the sermon notes, what did you know about the Holy Spirit before this past weekend? Did you see Him as a person, equal to God the Father and Jesus? How do you view Him differently after hearing Pastor Ed's message this past weekend?

- I. **The Priority of the Holy Spirit: (For Jesus):** *"In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that **Jesus began to do and teach**, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands **through the Holy Spirit** to the apostles whom he had chosen."* (Vs. 1-2)
  - a. **Prophecy Declares the Holy Spirit:** Isaiah 11:2 and 61:1-2
  - b. **Mary Conceived by the Holy Spirit:** Matthew 1:20
  - c. **John the Baptist Confirms the Holy Spirit:** Luke 3:16
  - d. **The Dove Symbolizes the Holy Spirit:** Matthew 3:16
  - e. **Resists Temptation by the Holy Spirit:** Matthew 4
  - f. **Work of the Ministry:** Teaching, casting out demons, miracles: (Matthew 12:28, Mark 12:22-32, Mark 3:22-30, Luke 11:15-20, 12:10.)
  - g. **Resurrection of Jesus:** Ephesians 1:19-20, Romans 8:11

**Question #2:** Above, the work of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus is laid out for us chronologically. Seeing that Jesus' life and ministry occurred *through* the Holy Spirit, what does that say about how much we need Him? In John 16:7 Jesus says, *"I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you."* Why do you think that we're better off with the Holy Spirit in us than Jesus physically beside us?

- II. **The Promise of the Holy Spirit: (For Us):** “And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the **promise of the Father**, which, he said, “you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now.” (Vs. 4-5)
- a. **Holy Spirit's presence IN you:** John 14:16-17
    - 1. The Holy Spirit Resides: 1 Cor. 6:19
    - 2. The Holy Spirit Reveals: John 16:12-13
    - 3. The Holy Spirit can be Resisted: 1 Thess. 5:19/Eph. 4:30
  - b. **Holy Spirit's power TO you:** “But you will **receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you” (Vs. 8a)
    - 1. The Holy Spirit Speaks: Romans 8:16
    - 2. The Holy Spirit Seals: Eph. 1:13-14
    - 3. The Holy Spirit Sanctifies: Romans 15:16
  - c. **Holy Spirit's purpose THROUGH you:** “and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Vs. 8b)
    - 1. **The Holy Spirit Equips you:** 2 Peter 1:3, Heb. 13:21
      - a) Spiritual Gifts: 1 Cor. 12
      - b) Spiritual Guidance: Gal. 5:16
    - 2. **The Holy Spirit Enables you:** 2 Timothy 1:7

**Question #3:** Now that we've looked at what The Holy Spirit does for Jesus, we get to look at what He does for *us*. Observing the three truths above, that the Holy Spirit's presence is *in* us, and His power is given *to* us, and His purpose is accomplished *through* us, which of these have you most significantly overlooked, and how can you embrace it going forward? How has this message from Pastor Ed affected your belief in who God is, and what He's done for us? How do you get to live differently going forward?

**Take Away:** Every place you go the Holy Spirit of God goes with you. The Kingdom of God advances through you or it doesn't. The difference maker is whether or not you and I see the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives.