

“Empowered by the Spirit”

Use this guide as a tool to help you prepare to experience spiritual transformation in a practical way. It is a flexible guide that will help you discover, own, and apply the truths of God’s Word.

Message Summary

Timothy joined Paul and Silas early in their 2nd Missionary Journey. God was at work among them and through their ministry the churches were strengthened. Yet, what Paul originally intended to be a ministry journey turned into an evangelistic endeavor led by the Holy Spirit. The team of 3 men committed themselves to sowing seeds of the Gospel along the Asian coastline. God, however, had other plans. Asia was not the place God had called them, at least for now. Europe was God’s intended church planting field. So, after hearing from God through a vision in the night, Paul along with his ministry partners that now included Dr. Luke, made his way to Macedonia on an adventure that could only be explained by the Spirit of God.

Acts 16:6-10 outlines some principle truths about God’s commitment to complete the Great Commission. The Holy Spirit has a vital role in the work. These men saw the Holy Spirit direct them away from certain areas and to one new area of Gospel ministry. Through the Holy Spirit’s leading we see Paul continuing to sow seeds of the Gospel wherever he was led.

As we think through accomplishing the mission in our context it is important to realize the vital role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. The Spirit of God accomplishes the Mission of God through the People of God for the Glory of God. We must realize we cannot accomplish the Great Commission apart from the power of the Holy Spirit. This is His work to glorify God. He will accomplish it through us but we must be prepared to listen to and obey His voice.

This week our Missional Communities will watch another MC training video featuring Jeff Vanderstelt as he teaches in the area of Spirit Dependence. We will examine how the Spirit must be able to work in our lives as we seek to work in the lives of other people. Prepare your heart by asking God to reveal in you areas of your life that you need to relinquish control so the Holy Spirit might have space to work through you.

Message Outline

Four Truths:

1. God is a Missionary God fully engaged in the work of making disciples.
2. The work of Missions is the work of the Spirit.
3. We must proactively sow seeds of the Gospel when God’s Spirit says...
Not now.
No.
Go.
4. God receives glory when we obey His Spirit.

Four Applications:

1. Let’s ask for the filling of the Spirit to accomplish the Mission.
2. Let’s walk in the Spirit as we seek to live on Mission.
3. Let’s listen to the Spirit and obey His instruction for the Mission.
Let’s rejoice in the coming fruitfulness of the Mission.

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Group Discussion (video application)

Watch the video titled “Spirit Dependence – Part #1.” Use the Listening Guide below as you watch the video and then spend some time making application by answering the following questions as a group.

1. _____ of Holy Spirit (John 15:1-5, John 14:12-31, 15:26-27, 16:7-15, 1 Corinthians 2:6-16)

He _____ the truth.

He is the _____.

He is the _____.

He is the _____.

He gives _____.

The Holy Spirit bears witness to _____.

He will convict of _____, _____, future _____.

He points us to _____.

He will _____ you into all truth.

He gives you the _____ of Christ.

2. How do we _____ in these truths? (Galatians 5:16, Romans 8:5-11)

Set your _____ on the Holy Spirit.

Ask for _____.

_____ to the Spirit.

Make _____ in your life to listen to God.

Examine whatever you _____:

Does it align with _____?

Is it a fresh _____ I've never had before?

What fruit is _____ when you hear it?

What fruit would be produced if you _____ it?

Is the fruit in line with the _____ of the Spirit?

Does it resemble _____?

Is it _____ with the other things the Spirit is doing in your life?

Would it lead you to _____ your flesh?

Have you _____ it to your community?

As God leads you by His Spirit He will lead you to _____ and _____ to Him.

Questions for reflection:

1. What's something new you had never heard about, about the Spirit of God and what he does in our lives? And, how does that new idea impact you?
2. What steps might you take personally to create more space for the Spirit of God to work in your life?
3. What are we together going to do as an MC to help each other grow in the Spirit of God working in our lives – to be more submitted to Him and to walk more closely with Him and living with His power?

Weekly Prayer Focus

- **Church:**
Development of Missional Communities.
- **Local:**
Practicing hospitality in our communities.
- **Global:**
Pastor Abraham and his congregation at Sala Evangelica in Buena Vista, Guatemala.
Building & Financial needs.
Local evangelism.