

22 January

 Break the ice

Write down what God is saying to you in today's message:

TOPIC: Gospel of John – week 33



Let's hear your story

1. Tell of a time when you had to explain the works of the Holy Spirit to a friend or family member or work colleague?
2. What would you say is one of the works of the Holy Spirit according to John 1:32 – 34? **(The Holy Spirit reveals that Jesus Christ is God.)**
3. How does the Holy Spirit enable us to be born-again (to have a relationship with God in John 3:5 – 8)? **(The Holy Spirit makes your spirit alive to God.)**
4. What does John 3:34 tell us about the work of the Holy Spirit? **(God speaks through people by His Spirit.)**



Let's go deeper

5. How should we worship God according to John 4:23 – 24? **(God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.)**
6. What does John 14:15 - 16, tell us about the works of the Holy Spirit? **(The Holy Spirit is our Helper / Counsellor / Advocate to comfort and instruct us.)**
7. What does John 15:26 – 27 tell us about the works of the Holy Spirit? **(The Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus.)**
8. How does the Holy Spirit work in the life of an unbeliever according to John 16:8? **(He convicts of sin, righteousness, and judgment.)**
9. From whom did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit in John 20:22? **(Jesus.)**



Let's apply this

10. Ephesians 5:18; Paul said; “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but **be filled with the Holy Spirit...**”

The word picture in this text is one where you and I are like ships, and when we sin, we are **dropping anchor** and basically telling God, No. I will not move and I will not be directed. And when **we pull up anchor**, that is our confession and repentance, and we set our sail, and we are waiting for the Spirit of God to blow. Jesus breathing His Spirit on and through us, and guiding our lives.

- Have you dropped anchor in response to Holy Spirit's work in you?
- Talk to your life group leader to help you “set your sail” for God?

SUMMARY:

Gospel of John: Week 33 (The work of the Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John).

Read: John 16

The Holy Spirit reveals that Jesus Christ is God – See John 1:32 – 34.

The Spirit of God descends like a dove and rests upon, Jesus the Son of God as He comes up out of the water, at His baptism, and John says, I know that Jesus is the Son of God, because of the Holy Spirit's presence upon Him.

The Holy Spirit enables us to be born-again (to have a relationship with God).

See John 3:1 – 9. To enter the Kingdom of God you must be born again. And to be born again is a spiritual rebirth, that is done by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit makes your spirit alive to have a relationship with God.

God speaks through people by His Spirit – See John 3:34, Matt.4:4, 2 Peter 1:20–22.

John says that when men speak on behalf of God, they speak by the power of the Holy Spirit. This is true for Jesus, for John the Baptizer, this is true for John the author of this Gospel, that God speaks through people by His Spirit.

We worship by the Holy Spirit – John 4:23 – 24.

Jesus says, “If you want to worship God, here is how you do it. You do it by the Holy Spirit.” You do not worry about the time and the place, because the Spirit of God is with us. v.24; Jesus says; “God is Spirit...” The Holy Spirit is God.

The Holy Spirit is our Counsellor (comfort and instruct) – see John 14:15 – 16.

As our Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, comforts and instructs us to continue in the truth, so that we can be free of lies, errors, deception, and misunderstanding.

The Holy Spirit testifies about Jesus – see John 15:26 – 27.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to tell people about Jesus. The Holy Spirit honour and glorify Jesus. When Jesus is being glorified, loved, taught, and worshiped; you know that the Holy Spirit is at work.

The work of the Holy Spirit is good for us – John 16:5, 7, 8 and 12.

The Holy Spirit, is always with us; all places and all circumstances. God is not absent. He is not far; He is with us through His Spirit. Jesus says, “it's good that I'm leaving.” The Holy Spirit convict's unbelievers; reveals to them the righteousness of Christ, and that there will be judgment. The Holy Spirit will lead and teach believers everything they need to know, and He will do it step-by-step.

How did the disciples receive the Holy Spirit? – See John 20:21 – 22.

The Holy Spirit comes directly from Jesus. Jesus will give you the Spirit, and He will send you out to do His work and continue the ministry that Jesus begun.