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Holy Spirit

SIMPLE PRACTICES FOR PARTNERING
WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

PRACTICE: KNOWLEDGE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Introduction

Jesus told his followers that it was better that He was going to the Father because the Holy Spirit would come and reveal to them, and even to us, what “the Father is saying and doing”. Jesus lived life and did ministry in the power of the Holy Spirit. Now, He invites us to do the same. The Come, Holy Spirit Practice Series is a set of simple practices to help ANYONE become familiar with the Holy Spirit and learn to “partner” with him in everyday life... just as Jesus did.

How To Use These Practices

This series contains ten practices related to partnership with the Holy Spirit in everyday life. Each prompt/practice contains an intro, a Scripture, a suggested practice exercise, things to notice, and journal space in which to document your experience with that specific practice.

Participants can spend as much time on one practice as they feel is appropriate.

These practices are personal. They are also short enough to be shared and interacted with in any type of group setting.

The important thing is for anyone who desires to grow in life with the Holy Spirit to feel free to work through these practices and learn her/his rhythm with the Holy Spirit - everyday.

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Intro:

The purpose of this practice is to grow familiar with words from the Spirit being a way He communicates special, situational knowledge to us. 1 Corinthians says, some receive wisdom and some “special knowledge”. i.e. specific facts about a situation revealed by The Holy Spirit. As we pray for guidance from the Holy Spirit, we pay attention to what words we “hear” and how they apply “in the moment.” Often, this special knowledge confirms for us AND, others we are praying for, that God loves us, what His focus is, and that He is at work right then, specifically.

Prompt:

This practice is best done in community. At church or small group, ask God to highlight someone who needs prayer. The easiest is when someone has asked for prayer. Ask the person what the specific issue is. Gently pray, “Come, Holy Spirit... grant me knowledge now.” Then wait. Notice what comes to your head. You may “hear” a word or phrase in your mind. You may also see a picture AND hear a phrase. Ask the Spirit what it means. Ask the pray-ee what the picture or phrase means to them. Notice the impressions you hear or see after asking this. Pray those out loud to God with the person. Open your eyes. Notice how the person is impacted in their bodies or emotions by what the Spirit is saying. Ask them if the words make sense and continue appropriately.

Things to Notice: Special Knowledge from the Holy Spirit

- In practice, no word is meaningless if the Spirit is invited
- Special knowledge often makes sense to the pray-ee and opens them up to God’s ministry
- Words are marked by God’s love for person and then for direction
- Words are often profound for you or the person
- Words sometimes need to be thought about alone later
- Words for others help them know God truly cares and often “unlocks” the person’s faith that God is “on the job” right then, for them.
- Words given by the Spirit become familiar, like a road map guided by the Holy Spirit in the moment.

Journal:

Remember the stages of your prayer encounter. Note what the person requested, what you asked God for, and what the Holy Spirit revealed to you. Note any emotional and/or physical responses in you or the person you prayed for. Pay close attention to how the words or pictures came to your mind and make note so you can gain familiarity with how the Holy Spirit imparts knowledge to you.

