

Sermon Notes

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Being Church: Empowered by the Spirit's gifting



Summary of series so far

Week 1: The church is built on believers who put their trust in Jesus as their Saviour. The church is given the task to proclaim the good news of Jesus as saviour.

Week 2: The church is a community of people who follow Jesus. Following Jesus means: turning around, finding out more information, and sharing Jesus with others.

Link with today's focus. – When we put our trust in Jesus we invite Jesus into our hearts and God's Holy Spirit comes to live in us. God's spirit helps us to recognise who Jesus is. Paul says in 1 Corinthians 12:3 'no-one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.'

1. How can I be filled with God's spirit?

- Starts by us inviting Jesus to come into our lives.
- To pray regularly for God's spirit to continue to fill our lives to enable us to have a close, deep relationship with God.
- My own personal story: went to a church service they spoke in other tongues, prophesied. All seemed strange to me at first yet some of them seemed to have a real warm personal relationship with Jesus.
- People prayed over me and continue to pray to be filled with God's spirit: enabling me to have a closer walk with Jesus.

2. What does God's spirit do in our lives?

- God's Spirit deepens our relationship God and gives gifts. They are 'given for the common good.' 1 Corinthians 12:7. To build up the church.
- 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 lists the various gifts that God's spirit gives to the individual for the whole church.
- We can expect to have one of these gifts and for these gifts to be at work in the church.
- The church is to be a place that encourages people to explore their gifts, and to try them out.
- What gift do you think that God's spirit has given you? Pray – ask God to show you, ask others to pray and talk to them, try it out – fill in the Count Me In slip.

Your Notes

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