

Holy Spirit Power

Home Group study notes - from 30/9/18 preach

Introduction

Has anyone ever said to you “you’re quite religious aren’t you”? What do you say? Are we? Discuss.

Tim Keller writes in ‘the Reason for God’ that everyone is religious, in that everyone has a view on: ‘life’ (what it’s about), ‘who we are’ and ‘how to live’. Again, discuss.

Ask people what is the big differences between Christianity and all other religions.

Mike suggested on Sunday that ‘power’ is a big one. Only Christianity has real power. (other differences are also amazing - like God coming down to us instead of us reaching for him)

Discovery

Where does power come from in Christianity (obvious question)?

See if you can untangle the complex but wonderful stuff in Ephesians 1:16-19, and link revelation, power, belief etc. Perhaps look at a couple of different translations to get the meaning.

With the Spirit’s power working through us we can do what Jesus commanded his disciples to do: ‘preach the good news, heal the sick, and proclaim the kingdom’ (Luke 9:2 for example).

Preaching and healing - both needing the Spirit’s enabling power.

Ask people how powerful they feel in spiritual terms. Ask why. Talk about what can be done to become more powerful general.

Simon Holley in ‘Sustainable Power’, our recommended book for the Holy Spirit element of our vision for this year and next year, says it is like we have rocks in the stream of our flow of the Spirit that blocks it up. Some of the main ones were presented on Sunday as:

- Self-reliance
- Fear
- Judging hearts
- Controlling hearts
- Unbelief

Ask people what they think there might be in their lives that blocks the flow of the Spirit. Refer to the handout that was given out on Sunday, attached to this email, if you need to.

Tell people that we aim to deal with this whole subject in more detail in the New Year, with the aim of becoming a more powerful people, and of seeing healings and miracles more often in our midst - to bring freedom and salvation to many.

Response

Pray for each other to help with anything that comes out of the discussions.

Suggest they get and read the book - it’s brilliant!

Also note that we will be running a 4 thursday evening series of Father’s Heart teaching and ministry sessions in the last 2 weeks of January and the first 2 of February next year. They’ll be hosted by Richard Jones, who’s preached at Jubilee before and is a leader in a worldwide ministry in this area.

God bless you all as you meet.

Mike