

Personal Liturgy

Week 13: A Spirit-Filled Life

"We need [men and women so filled] by the Spirit of God that God can think His thoughts through our minds, that He can plan His will through our actions, that He can direct His strategy of [mission] through His Church."

- Alan Redpath

Catch Up On Life:

This is when we update each other on the day in and day out happenings of our lives. As church family, we care about each other's lives: what we're celebrating, what we're mourning, what decisions we're praying through, and everything in between. (1 Thessalonians 2:8, Romans 12:10 and 15)

- Celebrate the wins - where have you seen Jesus at work in the last week (growing you or working in others that God's put around you)?
- What (if any) life updates do you need to catch us up on (positive or negative)?

Pray: Take every opportunity to pray and thank God for the good He's doing in our lives, and ask for help and healing anywhere there is pain.

Review the Mission:

Just like God the Father sent Jesus on a mission of reconciliation for us, Jesus sends us as ambassadors of reconciliation. We are called to make disciples wherever we go. (John 20:21 and 2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

1. People:

- Reactive - Who in your life (family, coworkers, etc.) can we join you in praying for? Who has God put around you that is showing spiritual interest? Who is hurting and could use some love from our group?
- Proactive - Who are the people we are intentionally living on mission with (Neighborhood, STC partner or specific demographic in Columbia)? What are our upcoming plans to love, serve and build relationships with this group?

2. Plan:

- Are there any rhythms already planned, or an extra rhythm we could plan to create a way for these friends to connect with our group?

Pray: Prayer is the fuel of God's mission. Let's pray for our people by name; pray for their needs, and opportunities to have spiritual conversations that help them take next steps toward Jesus.

Sermon Discussion:

God uses His Word to help us know Him, to equip us, to show us our sin, and to strengthen us as we follow Him. We preach the Word on Sundays and apply it as a LifeGroup throughout the week. (2 Timothy 3:16-17, Colossians 1:9-12 and James 1:22-25)

Primary Passages: 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21, John 14:16-17 + 25-26, John 16:8-13, Galatians 5:16-18

Read and Recap: Have different people in your group read John 14:16-17 + 25-26, John 16:8-11, 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 and Galatians 5:16-18. Then recap the highlights from this week's sermon.

- Have you had any interactions with people who were unbiblical or immature in how they talked about the Holy Spirit and/or things He was "telling them"? What cynicism (if any) do you have toward the whole idea of hearing from God's Spirit?
- Thinking about the five ways to hear from God's Spirit mentioned in the sermon (Scripture, church, gifts, circumstances, direct prompting), what examples do you have where the Holy Spirit has prompted you or corrected you?

Read John 14:15-16 + 25-26 and John 16:8 + 13. The Spirit's primary goal is to convict us of sin, remind us of truth, and lead us as we obey Jesus' commands.

- In what ways are you resisting these objectives of the Holy Spirit? If so, how? Are there any ways you are quenching/making it harder for yourself to hear from Christ's Spirit?

Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21 and Galatians 5:25. In daily routines and in big decision making moments, what does it look like to keep in step with the Spirit in a healthy, biblical, and daily way?

Pray: Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the will of God for our lives and to reveal blind spots where cynicism and sin have lowered our expectations of God's power. Ask the Holy Spirit to increase your desire to hear from God, and to grow your LifeGroup in discernment.

Engage the Heart:

Jesus calls us to walk in the light, confessing our sins to God and each other. God's Spirit works through confession and community to lead us to repentance. (Romans 3:23-24, James 5:16 and 1 John 1:5-10)

- What sinful thoughts, actions, or words from the past week do you need to confess? Specifically, has God convicted you regarding cynicism through the sermon?
- How does the gospel specifically address and free you up in this area? (Rest of LG speak into their lives: How does the gospel address and free him/her up?)
- What steps of repentance do you need to take? How can we help you walk in repentance?

Pray: James tells us that a community that regularly confesses sin and prays for each other will see a lot of healing. Confess your sins in prayer and pray for each other.