

Understanding the Holy Spirit

How Does the Holy Spirit Work in a Church Gathering?

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John 4:23-24

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. 24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Cf. **Galatians 3:1-3**

This looks like a church of born-again followers of Jesus who are gospel-centered, desire to bring God glory, and those who also delight in the manifest presence of God through the Spirit moving in His people for the edification of others.

Is a Spirit and Truth an unattainable type of church?

We can hold in biblical balance the foundational truth a God's written Word and the supernatural movements of the Holy Spirit, but it will take discernment and guiding of scriptural boundaries.

1 Corinthians 14:40 *But all things should be done decently and in order.*

Cf. 1 Corinthians 12-14

1 Thessalonians 5:12-21

12 We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, 13 and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we urge you, brothers, admonish the idle, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with them all. 15 See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. 16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Discipleship Homework:

There are many scriptures referencing “what to do” in a corporate gathering with other Christians. There aren’t always specific about “how to” do those practices. We believe this is evidence of the grace of God. Use the questions below to build a biblical reference for why we do what we do in our church gatherings.

- Do a biblical word search of each of these call-to-actions that Christians have practiced for centuries in the church gathering: gathering regularly, public scripture reading, teaching, singing, praying, giving, communion, water baptism, eating meals together. What scriptures can you find that point to these actions?
- Read 1 Corinthians 12-14. What do you have questions about what you read? What areas are you confident in? What areas are you not confident in?
- Have questions about the message or need help with the homework? Please email Pastor Jarrod at jarrod@1116.church.