

# Parkview Leadership Track

## Session 3 – The Holy Spirit and Leadership

May 7, 2017

### Leadership Track Update

#### Summer Plans

- Informal, round table discussions on leadership topics
- What leadership topics would you like to see covered in a discussion type format?
- What leadership topics would you like to have more resources for the summer?

#### Fall Plans

Fall dates TBA: (one each in September, October, and November)

Fall topics: Word, Gospel, and Church

New participants can add in at the start of the Fall

Leadership Track next steps:

- Elder, Deacon, Deaconess, Women's Ministry Team track
- Community Group leader
- Help lead a cohort for next year's leadership track
- Join a ministry team
- Leader Track 2.0?

#### Overview of Today

- The Person and the Work of the Holy Spirit
- Discussion/Prayer
- Relying on the Spirit
- Leverage His Gifts

### Head: Understanding the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

#### 1) PERSON: WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

##### God

- Acts 5:3-4: Ananias: lied to God, lied to the Holy Spirit
- 2 Corinthians 13:14: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the
- Holy Spirit be with you all. (see also the Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20)
- John 14:16: And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever.

**Personal:** Grieves, intercedes, creates, regenerates, convicts, speaks

## **2) WORK: WHAT DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT DO FOR US?**

Jesus—John 16:7: <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.

### **Helps us in our Evangelism**

*Convicts:* John 16:8-11 <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

*Converts:* John 3:5-6; Titus 3:5-6

Titus 3:5–6 (ESV) <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, <sup>6</sup> whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

### **Gives us Power**

Romans 8:11 (ESV) <sup>11</sup> If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

### **Gives us Love**

Romans 5:5 (ESV) <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

2 Timothy 1:7 (ESV) <sup>7</sup> for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

### **Secures our Identity**

Romans 8:15-17, <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

### **Points us to Jesus**

John 16:13, When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

## **Helps us Grow**

Galatians 5:22-23, But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control. Against such things there is no law.

## **3) UNLEASHING THE SPIRIT'S POWER**

Galatians 5:16, But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

**Key:** Spirit is available to us...do we rely on Him?

- If you were to have the Holy Spirit removed from you, how long would it take to notice?
- What has happened in my life this week that can only be explained by the fact that the supernatural Spirit of God dwells in me?

“You don’t need the Holy Spirit to live a semi moral life, and attend church regularly. You only need the Holy Spirit if you are striving to share Jesus’ suffering and death—desire to follow Him, serve Him, be His witness. If you truly decide to stop living for yourself and follow Jesus...you’ll need the Holy Spirit!”  
-Francis Chan

## **Questions**

1. Which of the Spirit’s roles in our lives do you especially need this week?
2. What should be distinctive in our leadership if we are truly Spirit-led leaders?

## **Pray...**

For Parkview...

- healing, unity, compassion for the sinner and the sinned against
- Gospel to be put on display
- For our people as they struggle with confusion, betrayal, shame, anger, grief
- To grow stronger through this trial
- For us to point people hurt by sexual abuse to healing and hope in the gospel
- For Ben, for Julie, for Maverick, and their families
- For the victims and their families

For Parkview...

- Vision for the future
- Boldness and Effectiveness in sharing the gospel

## Heart: Relying on the Holy Spirit

### Relying on the Spirit as we walk as Jesus walked: Six Values (Spader)

“Every aspect of Christ’s ministry was saturated with the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Spader

### Holy Spirit POWER Acronym

1. **Holy Spirit** dependence (Luke 4:14, 18; Matt 12:28; Luke 10:21)

**Jesus:** Jesus was conceived by the Spirit (Luke 1:35), led by the Spirit (Luke 4:14), baptized with the Spirit (John 1:33), was full of the Spirit (Luke 4:1-21), anointed by the Spirit (Luke 4:18), sent by the Spirit and did miracles by the Spirit (Matt 12:28), rejoiced in the Spirit (Luke 10:21), preached in the power of the Spirit (Acts 1:2), and was raised by the power of the Spirit (Rom 8:11).

**Us:** We are dependent on the Spirit for many things... Spirit is the one who points us to Jesus and helps us grow.

2. **Prayerful** guidance (Luke 5:16, 6:12)

**Jesus:** Scripture records 33 different instances Jesus took time to pray. Before every major turning point in his life, he took time to pray. Before every major crisis, Jesus withdrew to pray, i.e. in the Garden before going to trial and the cross. Disciples never said “teach us to do miracles” but they said “teach us to pray”

**Us:** Spirit helps us pray - when we are weak and don’t know what to pray Spirit intercedes for us (Rom 8:26).

- “Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God’s will.”
- Part prayerful guidance of this is that we ask God to give us wisdom “if any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.” (James 1:5)

3. **Obedient** living (John 5:30, 8:29; Heb 5:8)

**Jesus:** “I always do what pleases [the Father]” Modeled obedience.

**Us:** Spirit gives us strength and desire to follow God’s will, obey what he wants “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit inside you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”

- OT – promise of Spirit in heart, inside his people
- “move you to follow” nuances of “bring about” or “ensure” and “follow” lit. “to walk”
- Spirit is going to bring about or ensure that we walk in God’s ways

4. **Word-centered** (Matt 4:1-11, 19:3-6, 26:56) (quoted Word, loved it, obeyed it)

**Jesus:** In the Gospels Jesus quotes Scripture 80x, from more than 70 chapters from 24 different OT books!

**Us:** Spirit helps us understand Jesus' words, Jesus said the Spirit would "take what is mine, make it known to you."

5. **Exalting the Father in everything** (John 3:21, 5:19, 7:16-18, 8:28-29)

**Jesus:** "The Son can do nothing by himself; he can only do what he sees the Father doing, because whatever the Father does, the son also does." (5:19)

**Us:** How we can glorify Father through the Spirit,

2 Cor 3:18 "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

- Process of growth in our lives, "reflecting the Lord's glory" as we are "transformed" to be like him from "one degree of glory to another"
- Sanctification is a process of exalting the Father more and more.
- And it come "from the Spirit"

6. **Relational intentionality** (Matt 11:18-19; John 15:15; Mark 1:16-20).

**Jesus:** Friend of sinners, called his followers close "friends", and he also invested in a few—he was intentional to disciple and mentor.

- What stands out to you from this list as important or meaningful? Which of these values do you need to apply to your life right now? How might you do this?

## **Our Relationship with the Holy Spirit**

He is relational, personal, we forget this!

Spader emphasized Spirit's friendship, Jn 14:16 "another helper, counselor)

### **Another Counselor (John 14:16, 14:26, 15:26)**

- Holy Spirit comes alongside us – walking with us, strength, wisdom, etc.
- *Paraclete* = one who comes alongside
  - *Another* - similar to Jesus' friendship, Jesus was the Wonderful Counselor so also the Spirit will be with us in very real and tangible ways.
  - Possible translations: counselor, helper, advocate, comforter, strengthener, supporter, advisor, ally, champion.
- Platt: The Holy Spirit is our sacred advocate and strong comforter, giving strength in the heat of the battle and solace in the heart of pain.
  - Stands on our behalf, legal term; gives comfort when we need it, strength in battle—he does this through the Word of God, which is called "sword of the Spirit" and when in pain—he gives solace, peace.

### What might this type of relationship look like?

1. **Walk** by the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)  
Doug mentioned this aspect of relying on the Spirit. Walking, slow, steady, progress
2. Search the depths of the **Word**. The Spirit illuminates (1 Cor 2:9-10, Ps 119:18)  
“Open my eyes so that I may see the wonderful things in your law” Ps119:18  
1 Cor 2:9-10 “The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.”  
We need the Holy Spirit’s illumination, his light to give us understanding into what God’s Word says and what it means for our lives.
3. Be filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18) – let Him influence you!
  - How? context—living wisely, living lives of worship, being in community and speaking God’s Word to one another, and always giving thanks.
4. Don’t **hinder** the Spirit’s work (Ephesians 4:30; 1 Thessalonians 5:19)
  - Don’t grieve (Eph 4:30) how? All has to do with how we relate to one another: unwholesome talk grieves the Spirit, bitterness, rage and anger, slander, malice—rather be kind, compassionate, and forgiving.
  - Don’t quench the Spirit. “do not extinguish the Spirit”
    - Fire often used as a metaphor for the Spirit working
    - Don’t extinguish or quench or snuff out when the Spirit wants to work
    - Paul told Timothy to “Fan into flame the gift of God” Use our gifts!
5. Use the gifts of the Spirit to **serve** the church (1 Cor 12:7; 1 Pet 4:10)
  - “for the common good” “to serve others”

### Questions for tables

1. Where do you need to grow in your relationship with the Holy Spirit? Is there an aspect of *Paraclete* that you need to rely on or one of the five points above to apply?
2. Think about your leadership and those you influence, share ideas on how you can help lead others in understanding and applying these truths of relying on the Spirit.

## Hands: Discovering and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

### Leverage His Gifts

1. What are our gifts?
2. What is the purpose of those gifts?
3. How can you discern your gifts?
4. What gets in the way?
5. Why should we use those gifts?

## Growth Projects for May: The Holy Spirit and Leadership

Work on these from May 7 until next cohort meeting

<https://equipthepeople.com/leadership-track/the-holy-spirit-and-leadership-session-3/>

### Head: Understanding the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

- ✓ **Read Scripture** – John 14-16, Romans 8, 1 Corinthians 12, and Galatians 5. What do these passages teach on the Holy Spirit? How should we live in relationship to Him?
- ✓ **Read** – *The Holy Spirit* Gospel Coalition booklet by Kevin DeYoung.
- ✓ **Write** – A summary paragraph explaining the person and work of the Spirit.

### Heart: Relying on the Holy Spirit

- ✓ **Read** – Chapters 4-6 in *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan.
- ✓ **Watch** – Dann Spader teaching on Youtube “Week 3: Jesus and the Holy Spirit.”
- ✓ **Meditate** – What stands out to you from these resources and what will you apply?

### Hands: Discovering and Using the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

- ✓ **Take a gifts survey** – if you have never done so, take the *LifeWay Spiritual Gifts Test*.
- ✓ **Read** – Review the list of gifts on first two pages of the above survey and read the *Spiritual Gifts Descriptions* document. **Write** out your responses to the questions on the last page. Also review Jeff’s notes on *Leveraging His Gifts*.
- ✓ **Write** – how you will apply the ideas in the head, heart, and hands section to your life, ministry, and leadership.

### Discussion Ideas for Cohort Time

1. What are a couple ideas that stood out to you as important or meaningful from the reading and video for this month?
2. Share your summary paragraph of the person and work of the Spirit.
3. Discuss your meditations about what you will apply from the heart section.
4. Discuss your results from the LifeWay gifts survey/test. Also discuss the questions together from the last page of the *Spiritual Gifts Descriptions* document.
5. Share what you wrote about how you will apply the truths in the hands section.

### For Further Study (optional)

- Chapters 39-40 in Millard Erickson’s *Christian Theology* (3<sup>rd</sup> ed.), Person and Work.
- *The Fruitful Life* by Jerry Bridges.
- *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan.
- For further study on the spiritual gifts and the debate about the miraculous gifts, read *Bible Doctrine* by Grudem pages 396-424 and *Biblical Doctrine* by MacArthur and Mayhue pages 800-818.