

Cell notes

From Drips to Drenched

Holy Spirit Series Part I

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It has been suggested that one way of summarising the Bible is the presence of God with people (Adam and Eve), it then being removed due to ongoing sin (Israel into exile) but then with Christ's coming and then the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, God's restoring of His Presence on Planet Earth was beginning to be achieved, but will ultimately be fulfilled in the new heavens and new earth. With this big picture perspective, we can thus start to understand why Jesus said: "it is to your advantage that I go....so the Helper (Holy Spirit) will come to you" (John 16: 7, 8)

Read John 16: 7, 8 and use some or all of the following questions to aid discussion:

1. Look at the following Old Testament examples of the Spirit's presence/presence of God on individuals : Duet 34: 9, Judges, 3: 10, 6: 34, 11: 29, 1 Samuel Ch 19 v22-24 & 2 Samuel 23 v2. Then read out one or more of the following examples of His presence in the community setting (Exodus 19 v16-20, Exodus 40 v34, 35v & 2 Chronicles 7 v1-3.

What do we learn about the Holy Spirit/Presence of God from these texts? Are these conclusions in line with or in any way different to how you might normally consider who the Holy Spirit is and what He gives?

2. The point was made that Israel lost the presence of God for hundreds of years as judgement because of their idolatry. Ephesians ch 2 v19-22 says that now we ourselves should be the dwelling place of God. **In our daily lives, how much are we aware of/unaware of the presence of God in our lives?**

How much are we aware of the privilege we now have of living in an Age when the presence of God has been so abundantly made available?

3. **In what ways do you think you are different to non Christians you know as a result of being someone who has the Holy Spirit in you?**

Spend some time praying for one another in light of the above