

Come Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit: Kingdom Bringers

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Scripture: Acts 1:8, Acts 2:1-4, Acts 18&19

Sermon Overview: When we surrender to the presence of God through our relationship with the Holy Spirit, we will find we have the power to bring the Kingdom of Heaven to the people of Earth around us. To release the fullness of this power, we must seek unity with other believers in passion and purpose as we seek to surrender to God's will together.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what areas of your life are you trying to accomplish God's work through your strength? How can you choose to surrender, trust, and allow yourself to be Spirit-filled and Spirit-led?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. Can you think of an issue about which you are particularly passionate? In what ways have you allowed this issue to build walls between you and other believers? Spend a moment in silence and ask God to show you how to maintain your passion and still seek unity with believers who may not agree with you. Is there anything God is asking you to do specifically?
2. Acts 4:31 says, "And they were *filled* with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly." We see the term "filled" used interchangeably in the book of Luke with "receiving the Spirit." The term was used by Luke to describe the various ways Christians experience the Spirit. What is the difference between being "filled" with the Spirit and "receiving" the Spirit? How is being filled continuous and ongoing in your life?
3. Pastor Joel reminded us that "fruit is not produced in a factory, it comes from a root." We're called to "focus on the root, not the fruit." The fruits of the Spirit are a consistent byproduct of being filled with the Holy Spirit. In Acts 19:1-6, Paul goes from telling the church in Ephesus information about the Spirit to praying for filling from the Spirit. What does it mean if the fruit of your life is "manufactured"? How do

you know if your fruit is a result of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit? What are 3 practical ways you can cultivate a healthy "root" to grow fruits of the Spirit?

Digging Deeper:

1. Read Acts 18 and 19. What makes the difference in the church between these two chapters? How do you know? Examine the movement of the Holy Spirit in these two chapters. How do the believers in these two chapters surrender and thereby release the power of God? Write in your journal how you have experienced the Holy Spirit move. Ask God for a fresh encounter, and pray a specific prayer for our church to have a fresh in-filling.
2. Read through one of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John), and carefully consider Jesus' miracles. He performed these miracles as a man in a right relationship with God. What miracles are you believing for now? What obstacles in your heart may be blocking the flow of the Holy Spirit's power? Imagine yourself walking through your normal day. What miracles might God ask you to perform?

Practical Application:

- What is your mission field? Is it where you work, live, or play? Pick a focus and sign up for the 40-day prayer walk challenge by texting the word "Walk" to 844-504-0861 and go to ncc.re/prayerwalk.
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