



Community Bible Church
Sermon Discussion Questions: Aug 31 / Sep 1 & 4
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Title: Tune In to Turn Up

Text: “The Spirit himself **bears witness** with our spirit that we are children of God, 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.” (Romans 8:16-17 ESV)

Target: Everybody wants a prophetic voice, but few people pray for a prophetic ear.

1. **Priority of the Holy Spirit:** “Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.” (John 14:12)
 - a. **Jesus was Conceived by the Holy Spirit:** (Matt. 1:20)
 - b. **Jesus was Marked by the Holy Spirit:** (Matt. 3:16)
 - c. **Jesus was Led by the Holy Spirit:** (Matt. 4:1)
 - d. **Jesus did Ministry by the Holy Spirit:** (Matt. 12:28)
 - e. **Jesus was Resurrected by the Holy Spirit:** (Romans 8:11)

Question #1: How does understanding that Jesus was conceived, marked, led, did ministry, and was resurrected by the Holy Spirit deepen your understanding of the Spirit’s role in your own life?

Question #2: In what areas of your life do you see evidence of the Holy Spirit’s influence? How can you better align yourself with the Holy Spirit’s guidance in these areas?

2. **Promise of the Holy Spirit:** “He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” (John 16:14)
 - a. **You are Changed by the Holy Spirit:** (Titus 3:5)
 - b. **You are Sealed by the Holy Spirit:** (Eph. 1:13)
 - c. **You are to Walk in the Spirit:** (Gal. 5:16)
 - d. **You are Empowered by the Spirit:** (Acts 1:8)
 - e. **You are Victorious through the Spirit:** (2 Cor. 3:17)

Question #3: How has your personal experience reflected the Holy Spirit’s work in changing, sealing, empowering, and leading you? Are there areas in your life where you are struggling to experience these promises?

Question #4: *Galatians 5:16 talks about walking in the Spirit. What does it mean to you to walk in the Spirit daily? How can you cultivate a more consistent walk with the Spirit?*

3. **Presence of the Holy Spirit:** *"If we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."* (Galatians 5:25)
 - a. **Recognize His Voice:** (John 16:13)
 - i. **Bestows Worth:** (Romans 8:16)
 - ii. **Initiates Conviction:** (John 16:18)
 - iii. **Clarifies Scripture:** (John 14:26/16:13)
 - iv. **Intercedes in Groanings:** (Romans 8:26)
 - b. **Respond to His Voice:** (Romans 8:14)
 - i. **Welcome Divine Interruptions:** *"The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand, repent and believe in the gospel."* (Mark 1:15)
 1. **God is always at work around you.**
 2. **The Holy Spirit highlights it.**
 3. **The Holy Spirit invites you to join Him.**
 4. **Crisis of Belief.**
 - ii. **Watch for Divine Invitations:** *"These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God...And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual."* (1 Cor. 2:10,13)
 1. **Impressions:** Unusual Events & Encounters
 2. **Nudges:** Obvious Parallels & Connections
 3. **Promptings:** Songs, Images, Words, People, Creation
 4. **Callings:** (Conviction to Respond)

Question #5: *How do you typically respond to the Holy Spirit's prompts, whether they are divine interruptions or invitations? Have there been times when you have ignored or misunderstood these prompts? What did you learn from those experiences?*

Question #6: *How has your understanding of the Holy Spirit's role in your life affected your spiritual growth? Are there specific actions or attitudes you feel convicted to change as a result?*

Takeaway: The Holy Spirit's Voice is as loud as your willingness to listen. (Unknown)