



## **Within - Week 2 (Speaker: Pastor Rob King)**

### **Introduction**

**[Reader:** Group Reader]

The Holy Spirit “within” us is a gift of power from God. The Spirit enables us to do things that we normally are not able to do. For instance, in the story of Samson and the donkey’s jawbone; Samson is able to overcome a thousand men (Judges 15:16).

This week’s message is about everyday Christians tapping into that same power in a supernatural way.

Let’s open in prayer. **[Leader prays]** Here are the opening questions:

- Do you have friendships with someone from a different culture?
- How does this relationship impact your feeling toward people from that culture?

**[Reader:** First person who entered the room]

We are citizens of heaven, and are called by God to care for one another. Therefore, we need to connect with others in the Kingdom that are different than ourselves. In fact, fearing someone from a different background and culture can happen if we do not reach out and embrace one another.

### **The Holy Spirit the third person in the Trinity**

“The doctrine of the Trinity means that there is one God who eternally exists as three distinct Persons — the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Stated differently, God is one in essence and three in person. These definitions express three crucial truths: (1) the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are distinct Persons, (2) each Person is fully God, (3) there is only one God.” – Desiring God

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[Reader: Person in most colorful clothing]

#### **Read Matthew 3:16-17**

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.”

In this example from Scripture we clearly see that the Holy Spirit is a distinct and separate person from God and the Son.

- How does this Scripture show us the Trinity?
- How do you feel when you think of the God the Spirit? (ie. fear, peace, joyful)
- When you talk about the Spirit do you refer to a person or a thing?
- Discuss how getting to know the Holy Spirit dispels fear.

When we are walking in step with the Spirit, we have power that goes beyond our own capability. In the case of Samson, “The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him.” This enabled him to overcome a thousand men with a donkey’s jawbone.

[Reader: Person who brought their own water bottle]

### **Read Judges 15:14**

As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.

- How have you experienced the Spirit of the Lord coming upon you?
- Describe a time when you felt like the Holy Spirit was present in your interaction with someone.

### **Read John 14:16-17**

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

- How does this passage prepare us for the Holy Spirit’s presence in our lives?
- What does the indwelling of the Holy Spirit mean to you?

[Reader: Person with legs crossed]

### **A Sacred Place**

Within the tabernacle was an inner room; It was a sacred place, and no ordinary person could enter. In this inner room is where God would live with his people; appearing as a cloud or fire. This special place is now within you! You contain the same power and glory as the inner room of the tabernacle.

**Note:** Paul also mentions the “tent of meeting” or the tabernacle, comparing it to the earthly human body Read 2 Corinthians 5:1–5.

- Does this make you see the Holy Spirit differently? If so, discuss with the group.
  - What has changed for you knowing the power that is inside you?
- What is one thing you can do differently in your walk with God in response to this power and glory living inside of you?

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#### **Read Zechariah 4:6**

So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.

- What does this verse suggest for our lives?
- How are you depending on God's Spirit everyday?

[ **Reader:** Group Leader]

#### **Read 2 Corinthians 4:5-6**

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

- How can we experience the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- What does it mean to allow God to work in our lives, as opposed to our own efforts?

**Application:** What have you learned about the Holy Spirit from the weekend message and this discussion? What can you apply to your life to enable you to experience the Holy Spirit in a greater way?