

Questions for Conversations

REMEMBER: These are offered for contemplation and conversation starters. They are not an assignment that must be accomplished in some way.

How has God been speaking to you lately?

Exercise for Group or Personal Devotion: Today Jeff read from Ezekiel 37. Read through it and try to pick out all the ways that the Spirit of God could be talked about.

- The main points of the body of the sermon were
- The Holy Spirit as the moral character of God
- The Holy Spirit as the Dynamic Power of God (in relationship to creation)
- The Holy Spirit as the Empowering Presence of God (in relationship to humanity)
- The Holy Spirit as the Guiding/Correcting Presence of God
- The Holy Spirit as God's Glue

Any thoughts or questions about these?

In wrapping up the message, I presented three dangers or threats to a vibrant life with the Holy Spirit. The first was substitutions for the Spirit. What are some things in your life (whether good or bad) that could be a substitute for the Holy Spirit? Are there signs that this could be occurring? For example, how would you know if you were relying on a friend in ways that you should be relying on the Holy Spirit?

The second part of the conclusion is our tendency to prefer a tame Spirit. Where in your life does the idea of a wild Holy Spirit concern you? Where does it give you hope?

While this idea will come back in a few weeks, we often have the idea of the Holy Spirit being limited to the Church. What would it look like if the Holy Spirit was poured out on all flesh? What does the vision of a world like that motivate you to do?

Pray