



GROUPS AT CROSS POINT

BREAKING THE ICE

Let's take a quick poll. What's better this way:

A hamburger or a hamburger with cheese?

Plain, black coffee or a latte?

Amazon or Amazon Prime?

MAIN CONTENT

This week, we continue our conversation about the Holy Spirit. When Jesus left this world, He told His disciples that it's better that He goes away so that the Holy Spirit can come.

1. When you hear the term "Holy Spirit" what do you think?

Last week we learned the Holy Spirit is a Him, not an it. The Holy Spirit can be an emotional conversation. Most of us seem to have a preconceived idea about Him.

The Holy Spirit wants to be a part of our lives. Our lives are better when we have the Holy Spirit in us. The reason for this is because when the Holy Spirit is in us, it makes Jesus more real in our lives. The Holy Spirit always points to Jesus.

2. How does Jesus feel real in your life?

As Pastor Kevin interviewed RT Kendall about the Holy Spirit, RT talked about the conscious and unconscious presence of God in our lives.

3. Describe a time where you felt God consciously in your life.



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4. Describe a time where God was more of an unconscious presence in your life.

RT Kendall mentioned that at times when he doesn't feel God in his life, he imagines God is sitting next to him. That consciously brings his heart and mind back to knowing God is always with us.

Sometimes, not having a conscious presence of God in our lives could be because of a situation where we are holding a grudge or haven't forgiven someone. Having that anger or unforgiveness toward someone can keep you from feeling God's presence in your life.

5. Have you ever felt a distance with God when you were angry with someone?

If you have felt that distance, the easiest thing to do is to repent and ask for forgiveness. When you put aside the differences and what kept you from fully loving that person, it opens your heart up to be closer to God and to the Holy Spirit – to be led and guided by the Spirit.

When we are led by the Spirit, PEACE will lead us. This PEACE can be described as:

Providential - Is the door open to what you are wanting, or are you having to bust the door down to get what you want?

Enemy - What would the enemy want you to do? Do the opposite of that!

Authority - Do you have Scripture to support what you think you should or should not do?

Confidence - Are you feeling good that this is the right thing?

Ease - How do you feel in your heart of hearts (conscience)? If you are a follower of Christ and the Holy Spirit lives in you, your conscience will be guided and informed by the Holy Spirit.

In order for the decision to be led by the Spirit, all of the 5 PEACE elements must be present.

6. Have you ever felt God was leading you to something, but then realized one of these PEACE elements was not present? What happened?

God brings peace; the enemy does not. When we have peace, we know God is present in our lives and decisions. When the peace is not there, it's not of God.

7. Where do you need to feel peace in your life right now?

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The Holy Spirit wants to guide you through the peace he offers. He is a gentleman and won't force His way in, but if you ask Him, He will lead you in the awareness of God's presence.

8. Do you feel God's presence currently in your life?

When we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us and to make us aware of God's presence in our lives, we open ourselves up to experience the fruit of the spirit. (Galatians 5:22-23)

When we ask the Spirit to guide us and make us aware of God's presence, it changes how we love others and can have a direct impact on those around us and in the people of our communities.

CLOSING PRAYER

Thank You God for Your Spirit. Thank You for the opportunity to learn more about Your Spirit. We ask Your Holy Spirit to give us an awareness of Your presence. In Jesus' name, amen.

ACTION STEP

This week, take time to consciously feel God's presence and ask Him to be aware of His presence. Make note of when you feel closest to Him. Share with your group when you feel God's presence and what happens when you do feel His presence.

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