

Lesson A 3 - The Holy Spirit Belongs to Us!

A. When non-Christians are asked about the person and work of the Holy Spirit, what kinds of things do you think they bring up?

B. Read John 16:7,8,13-15

1. Describe the way that Lord Jesus prepared His disciples for His departure? Was this method effective?:
2. How have some of the various translations rendered the name of the Holy Spirit given in verse 7?:
3. What was the Holy Spirit going to do in the life of the believer?:
4. How was the Holy Spirit going to prepare the world so that the believer would be able to do his work?:

C. What seems to be the main reason the Holy Spirit was sent into the lives of the believer, as seen in the following Scriptures?:

1. Acts 4:31:
2. Acts 11:22-24:
3. Acts 13:9-12:

D. Many believers seem afraid to share the good news about Jesus Christ. Based on the passages we looked at in question C. (above), do you think the phrase “filled with the Spirit” might have something to do with courage to share the Gospel?

E. Consider for a moment: What would happen to the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer if he did not use the Spirit's power for testifying of the Gospel?

F. The ministry of the Holy Spirit touches the lives of the believer in many ways, all of which prepares us for the work that God has in mind for us. Briefly describe His work as seen in the following passages:

1. Rom.8:14
2. Rom.8:16
3. Rom.8:26
4. Rom.5:3-5

G. What characterizes the person who pretends to be a believer, but who is actually without the Spirit of God? (Jude 19)

H. How can we be sure we are “filled with the Spirit”? (Eph. 5:18):

I. Let's write down the name of one person for whom we might pray that God would open a door in their life. Pray that you might use a filling with the Spirit in order to share the Gospel with that person...