

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT



A SERIES AT KING'S COMMUNITY CHURCH

Through this series we'll be exploring themes such as the promise of the Holy Spirit as well as worshipping, witnessing and praying in the Spirit. By exploring Biblical themes we'll see what it looks like to live life in the Spirit.

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Title: A thirsty and reliant people

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Overview

- In our culture we're particularly prone to self-reliance. Even as children we want to do things our way and rely on ourselves rather than admit we need help. Being reliant on God is an essential part of what it means to follow Jesus. The more we rely on God, the more we will allow His Holy Spirit to work in and through us. This preach was all about being people who are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit.

What happens when people receive this gift?

- Read Acts 1:4-8 and Acts 2:1-11
What changes when the disciples receive the Spirit (the presence of God and the mission of God...boldness, praise, prophecy, sharing the gospel, salvation, ...)
- Read Matthew 3:17; Acts 8:14-17; 10:44-46; 19:1-7; 4:8
What happens when other groups and individuals are filled with the Spirit?
Think about what might be happening internally as well as externally (Romans 8:16; 14:17; Ephesians 5:18).

Who is this gift for?

- Read Joel 2:28; Acts 2:39; John 7:37-39
Who is the gift of the Holy Spirit for?
- Why might someone mistakenly think it's not for them yet? ("not good enough," "not a Christian long enough," "not spiritual enough," "asked before and nothing happened," "not naturally emotional enough"...) Why are these views mistaken?

How can we receive it?

- Read Luke 11:13; John 7:37-39; Acts 8:14-17
How can we be filled with the Spirit? (be thirsty, come to Jesus, ask, believe, be expectant, drink/overflow with praise, worship, prophecy, tongues, witness, laying on of hands etc ...)
- What difference could or has being filled with the Holy Spirit made to your life?

Finish by taking time to pray for one another to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Ask people if they want to receive any gifts such as tongues, interpretation, healing, prophecy & then pray.