





COMMUNITY GUIDE

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WEEKLY APPLICATION

TAKEAWAY: Within the present anti-church climate, we must attempt to answer, “Why go to church?”

HEAD CHANGE: How we think about ‘church’ shapes the type of church we become.

HEART CHANGE: Faiths journey is meant to be done together.

LIFE CHANGE: What does it mean for you to live with Jesus’ body in mind?

OVERVIEW

Becoming a Spirit Filled Community

God’s goal for every church is that the Holy Spirit would be the animating force behind all that we do; that every Christian community would be characterized by dependance upon the presence and the power of the Holy Spirit. Taking our cues from 1 Thessalonians 1:4-10, we see that a Spirit-filled community should be characterized by:

- 1) **Supernatural Power**
- 2) **Abiding Love**
- 3) **Evangelistic Urgency**
- 4) **Biblical Truth**
- 5) **Passionate Worship**

“For we know brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and great conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake.”

-1 Thessalonians 1:4-5 (NIV)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What stood out to you in this teaching? Why do you think that resonated?
2. What has your church experience been like as it relates to the Holy Spirit?
3. Have you struggled with knowing God as Father? What, if anything, stops you from believing that you are a dearly beloved son or daughter of God?
4. What stops you from sharing your faith?
5. Using the “idol test” what are some things God might be calling you to turn from in order that you might turn to him?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Father, we can’t do any of this without You. Thank You for revealing the finished work of Jesus to us. May we live with a greater understanding of your grace and approval on our lives because of what Jesus has done. If there are any areas of our lives that are captured by pride, reveal that to me now, I repent and ask for your humility to walk with you and obey you in response to your love and grace toward me. Help me to see your church like you see your church. In Jesus’ name, amen.

IN THIS TOGETHER!