

SERMON NOTES & LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

YOU TOO: GOD'S VALENTINES IN WORD AND DEED, Curt Brunk 2.14.10

God empowers us when we "talk" about Him, so don't worry about what to say, Spirit will lead, Lk 12:11-12

Background of empowerment is Baptism of Holy Spirit

Final Instructions to Disciples, Acts 1:5, 8

God empowers people since beginning, Num 11:16-17

God's heart is for all to be empowered, Num 11:29

And indeed they are, Acts 2:1-4

Result: 3,000 saved from one sermon, Acts 2:41

Empowering born again believers is like connecting light to power source, Lk 9:1-2

Gifts of the Spirit

For the moment/situation, 1 Cor 12:7-11

Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Prophecy: revelations from God to be shared/spoken

"Popular" definition: spectacular insight or details

Jesus did things like this:

Knowledge: Nathanael, Jn 1:45-49

Wisdom: Taxes, Mat 22:15-22

What did Paul mean re: wisdom & knowledge?

God's ways, Rom 11:33

Understanding of Him, Eph 1:17

Fulfilling His will, Col 1:9-10

Christ is wisdom & knowledge, Col 2:3

Best hermeneutic: same writer, same letter

Wisdom: God's plan/Gospel, 1 Cor 2:6-7

Knowledge: God's plan/Gospel, 1 Cor 1:4-6

Spirit's gift of prophecy similar, 1 Cor 14:1-3

God's heart, plan, purpose, etc. spoken by us

Most have experienced God speaking through us...

So Test & Desire!

Not always the Spirit, 1 Jn 4:1

Earnestly Desire, 1 Cor 14:39

NEXT WEEK: YouToo – God's Empowers Us to Minister

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1. Describe situations in sharing the gospel, or elements of your life in Christ, when you find yourself worried about "getting it wrong" or being unable to answer a challenging question. After hearing this sermon, what do you think God's solution to this anxiety is? Explain. How have you seen God come through in these kind of uncertain moments in the past?

2. What about words of wisdom & words of knowledge do you find encouraging? Challenging? What would be a practical next step for you in growing in response to the Holy Spirit's voice to you? How can we pray for Lake Samm in this regard?

3. What is the downside or danger of seeing the wisdom communication from the Holy Spirit as a "parlor trick", reserved for just a few anointed individuals? How does this kind of public, dramatic display fit in with Jesus' Kingdom priorities?

4. Digging deeper: Read slowly though 1 Corinthians 12. Take a moment to list the principles that Paul lists for healthy gift use. Identify God the Holy Spirit's role in spiritual gift use communicated in this chapter. Pause for a moment to thank and worship Him for who He is in this realm of Kingdom life. Focus on vv. 7- 11 -- which of these gifts have you seen used in a way that helps us view God as more personal & more powerful? Which of these gifts do you hope to see the Holy Spirit bring to you in opportunities to serve or to share the gospel? What can you do to move into those opportunities?

TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY: (Remember to watch for God to move this week and tell us your testimony!)

I will pray for _____ to come to Jesus