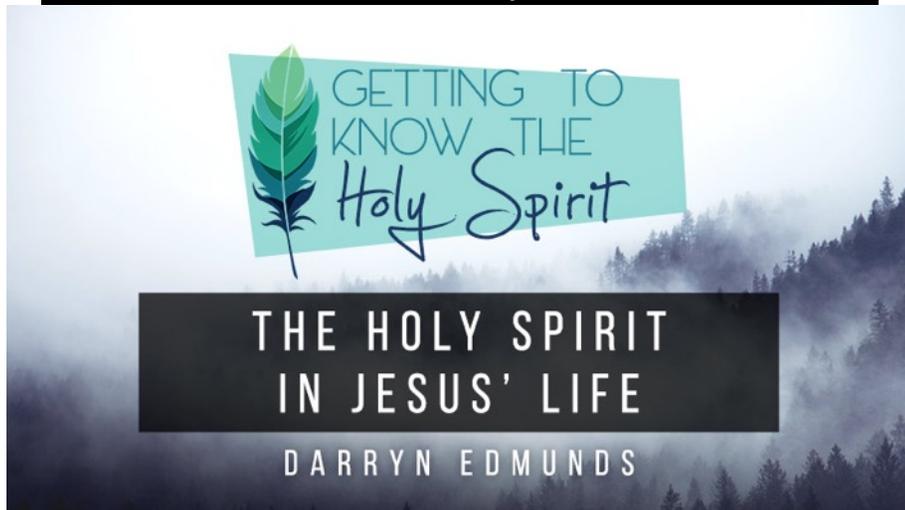


Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of January 24th 2015



Key Scripture

Philippians 2:6–8 & Matthew 3:16–17

Philippians 2:6–8 (ESV)

Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

Matthew 3:16–17 (ESV)

¹⁶ And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; ¹⁷ and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

Have you ever talked about an interaction between you and the Holy Spirit to someone outside of the Christian faith? What have been their reactions or questions?

“Faiths around the world seem to display differing levels of dependence on a spiritual being. Buddhists are publically seen to be some of the most spiritually dependant.”

- **Where do you think the world’s view of Christianity is on this scale?**
- **What does the Bible teach about where we should be in regards to this statement?**

“Jesus Christ, the perfect example of a human’s total dependence on the Holy Spirit.”

- **In what ways do you think this is true? Are there any holes in this statement?**
- **What does Philippians 2:6–8 say?**

In Matthew 3:16-17 the Holy Spirit is seen descending on Jesus like a dove while He is being baptized. **What in these verses do you think is exclusive to Jesus / open to us all as Christians?**

As a group can you think of any times in scripture where Jesus performed a miracle without the Holy Spirit?

In John 14:12 Jesus says, *“whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do”*. **How do you believe we as Christians should live this out – should we look to how Jesus did things or is that level of walk unobtainable?**

This Sunday and next week in Oceanside’s Connect Groups we’ll be talking about how Jesus promised Christians the Holy Spirit. As a group please continue to keep the whole church in prayer for this.