

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of January 31st 2015



JESUS' PROMISE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MINISTRY

RUSSEL EALES

Key Scripture

John 14:25–26 & 7:37–39

John 14:25–26 (ESV)

²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

John 7:37–39 (ESV)

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ ” ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

Discussion questions from this week’s sermon

If you look back at the last 100 years what do you think is the most amazing advancement we’ve seen as mankind? Had you been able to communicate some of the things you mentioned to those living in 1916 would they believe you?

Read John 14:25-26. How would what Jesus is saying here be profound to God’s people in the Old Testament?

If someone were to live as if it were still 1916 today they would seem pretty foolish and odd, as they would be seen to be missing out on so much! Can we as Christians still live in an Old Testament mentality when it comes to the Holy Spirit? What would that look like?

John 14:25-26 speaks of the Holy Spirit’s ability to teach us and remind us. Have you noticed the Holy Spirit doing this in your life? What ways of listening to the Spirit have you practiced and seen personal success with?

John 7:37-39 speak of rivers of living water flowing OUT of our hearts. When we seek the Holy Spirit do we normally seek the inward-flowing or outward-flowing? Does the direction mentioned here challenge you in any way?

The direction here of the Spirit’s flow in a Christian’s life is out from them. What then is the purpose of the Spirit living within you today?

What, do you think, are keys in your life to releasing the outward flow of supernatural living water to those around you?