



Key Scripture:

Romans 8:26–27 (ESV)

²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. ²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

John 14:15–17 (ESV)

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

1 John 4:1–6 (ESV)

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ² By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, ³ and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. ⁴ Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. ⁵ They are from the world; therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. ⁶ We are from God. Whoever knows God listens to us; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

Luke 11: 13 (ESV)

¹³ "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Discussion Questions:

This week Mark & Dena shared about their journey with the Holy Spirit. **If you were there, what stood out to you the most? Was there anything in their journey with the Holy Spirit that lined up with yours?**

Mark said that he went to a conservative seminary who believed that the supernatural working of the Holy Spirit was only meant for biblical times. **Why is this a commonly held belief?**

John 14:15-17 reveals why the world doesn't believe in the Holy Spirit. **What does Jesus say here about why you are able to believe in The Spirit?**

Dena met Mark at camp and recognised later that this was the Holy Spirit leading her even before she knew about the Holy Spirit. **What does this tell you, along with Romans 8:26-27, about the character of the Holy Spirit?**

One person recently described the prompting of the Holy Spirit to be like a tapping on the shoulder. **How do you recognise The Spirit's leading in your life? What things cultivate a deepening of our relationship with The Spirit?**

Mark & Dena spoke of how in their early ministry that they felt "out gunned" by the enemy because they lacked spiritual awareness. **Are Christians who don't know the work of the Holy Spirit more vulnerable?**

They also spoke that they felt very burnt out in ministry. **How does an active relationship with the Holy Spirit stop this?**

Dena spoke about the spiritual awareness she had even before she had been baptised in the Holy Spirit or knew that they might be a good thing from God. **Reading 1 John 4:1-6, if you found yourself in a similar situation with someone how would you "test" the spirit?**

Being in a church that is made up of imperfect people but also seeks to see the Holy Spirit work through us can sometimes be messy. **What do you think are biblical points that take fear of this away and keep us pointing in the right direction?**

Read Luke 11:9-13. **This week, how would you like the work of The Spirit to grow in your life? How will you ask, seek and knock for it?**