

Key References:

2 Peter 1:12-15 (NLT)

¹² Therefore, I will always remind you about these things—even though you already know them and are standing firm in the truth you have been taught. ¹³ And it is only right that I should keep on reminding you as long as I live. ¹⁴ For our Lord Jesus Christ has shown me that I must soon leave this earthly life, ¹⁵ so I will work hard to make sure you always remember these things after I am gone.

Titus 2:11-15 (NLT)

¹¹For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. ¹² And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, ¹³ while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed. ¹⁴ He gave his life to free us from every kind of sin, to cleanse us, and to make us his very own people, totally committed to doing good deeds. ¹⁵ You must teach these things and encourage the believers to do them. You have the authority to correct them when necessary, so don't let anyone disregard what you say.

John 16:13-15 (NLT)

¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you what he has heard. He will tell you about the future. ¹⁴ He will bring me glory by telling you whatever he receives from me. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the Father is mine; this is why I said, 'The Spirit will tell you whatever he receives from me.'

John 15:26 (NLT)

26 "But I will send you the Advocate - the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and will testify all about me."

Reflecting back on the past weekend's sermon, was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

1 – DON'T MAKE ME SAY IT AGAIN!

Whether it's a reminder to make your bed, clean up your room or to put the toilet seat down, we probably all have some task or truth that our parent(s) had to keep reminding us about. Share something that you had to be continually reminded about from when you were younger (or maybe from yesterday?!). Why did this need to be repeated so often?

Read 2 Peter 1:12-15. Peter shares with his readers that there are spiritual truths that we need to be reminded of regularly. What does God keep reminding you about in your spiritual life?

2 - THE ADVOCATE

Read John 16:13-15 and John 15:26. These verses share some key characteristics of the Holy Spirit. How would you describe the Holy Spirit to someone who asked? Do you have an experience that you could share about the Holy Spirit in your life?

3 – CULTIVATING THE SPIRIT IN OUR LIFE

During his sermon, Ken encouraged us to cultivate the presence of the Holy Spirit in our own life. Read Titus 2:11-15. Pick two areas from the list Ken shared that you want to nurture during this month. Share why you chose each item with the group.

- walk in forgiveness
- walk in humility
- walk in thanksgiving
- keep short account with people
- abide in the Lord often
- practise persistent prayer - embrace and cultivate fellowship with others
- don't walk or flirt with the evil one in your decisions and life
- cultivate a bridled tongue (watch what you say) and speak with words of truth in faith as often as you can