

Suggested Resources

Below is a list of resources that will help you dig deeper into the topic preached about this morning:

Jim Cymbala - *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire: What Happens When God's Spirit Invades the Hearts of His People* (this week's "Pastor's Pick")

Gary Best - *Naturally Supernatural*

Billy Graham - *The Holy Spirit: Activating God's Power in Your Life*

Dan Smith - *The Wind and the Rudder: How to Live in the Power of the Spirit Without Becoming Weird*

Francis Chan - *The Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*

Suggested Bibles

We teach from the Bible on Sundays and encourage you to read the Bible throughout the week. Here are a few recommended versions of it:

Quest Study Bible

"The Question and Answer Bible."

CSB Study Bible

The CSB Study Bible offers the award-winning Holman study system, which includes over 16,000 study notes, tools, word studies, and articles from respected Bible scholars.

Teen Life Application Study Bible

includes sections explaining what the Bible has to say about the questions and issues teens face in the *Choices*, *I Wonder*, *Ultimate Issues*, and *My Story* features.

Kids Quest Study Bible

contains over 500 questions that kids ask, "Quest Challenges" to help you apply what you read and more!

Plus... be sure to stop by the Info Table in our lobby and pick up a FREE copy of our Bible Reading Plan... as well as a FREE Bible!

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How the Holy Spirit Changed America

August 27, 2017

Week 13 of series: Acts 29

We want people to encounter God on Sundays and not just "go to church." That is why today's 75-minute service will include an in-depth Bible teaching, communion, worship (feel free to stand or sit as we sing), and an opportunity to receive 1-on-1 prayer.

How the Holy Spirit Changed America

(Dan Kopp - lead pastor of The Eastside Vineyard Church)

Notes:

Digging Deeper Questions

In our fast-paced culture, it's easy to be impacted by the sermon you hear at church on Sunday... only to forget about it by Monday. To make this message "stick" we created these Digging Deeper Questions so you can process and apply what you heard at church. Take some time this week to go through these questions by yourself, in your small group, with a friend, your family, or your roommate.

1. Icebreaker: Think back to when you were in school. Was geography a strong or weak subject for you? What about now? If someone showed you a map of the world, are there certain regions (e.g., the Middle East) or entire continents (e.g. Africa) where you wouldn't be able to name most of the countries? Have fun with this question!
2. Is there anything you heard in this week's sermon or experienced in this week's service that was an "a ha" moment, something significant for you?
3. Read Acts 16:1. In this pivotal text, Paul meets Timothy and the early church, and our Bibles were impacted in significant ways (two books in the New Testament were written - 1 & 2 Timothy!). Share an example when you met someone on your spiritual journey who was a very strong influence on you.
4. Read 2 Timothy 2:2. Our personal relationship with Jesus was never meant to be a private one! We need others on our spiritual journey.
 - Share an example when you were a "Paul" to a "Timothy" (where you mentored someone for a season).
 - Share an example when you were a "Timothy" and had a "Paul" in your life (someone more spiritually mature who mentored you).
 - Suggestion: if you can't answer one of the two questions, begin to pray that God brings you either a "Paul" or a "Timothy."
5. Read Acts 16:6-10. Scholars believe this passage is a "hinge of history." If Paul headed east into Asia instead of west into Europe, the world would have looked a lot different. Europe would have never been Christianized to the extent that it was, which means America wouldn't have been founded the way it was, which means our church may very well not have ever existed. What are your thoughts on Paul's actions and the results?
6. Have you ever had an important decision to make, and you thought you knew what God's will was, so you began to head in one direction. But then you encountered roadblock after roadblock and initially thought it was the devil trying to derail you. However, upon further reflection, you realized it was the Holy Spirit, similar to Paul's experience in Acts 16:6-8. If yes, please share your experience with the group.

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Key Passage:

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

- Acts 16:6-8 (NIV)