

Word notes Sunday 19/4/09 Tony Hodge
Living in the Spirit – Jesus our Model

Summary (read this bit out to remind cell members what was said on Sunday)

In the New Testament we clearly see the Holy Spirit at work – more directly and with many more people than in much of the Old. DT talked recently on how one of the things Jesus came to bring was the Holy Spirit.

Jesus clearly lived his life full of and led by the Holy Spirit – in fact the HS was very busy in the time before and around Jesus' conception and birth.

Reading through Luke's gospel we can get a flavour of Jesus life in the Spirit – not just the power ministry things but also that Jesus too was "full of joy in the Spirit" Luke 10:17-24)

As we are called to be like Jesus and to follow him then it is clear that we too should live in the Spirit. Paul makes it plain to us in Romans 8:5, Galatians 5:25 and Ephesians 5:18 that we should and in Galatians 3:3 that we would be foolish to try to follow him in our own strength.

We can ask Father God to send His Spirit to us and expect Him to be very willing to bless us (Luke 11:9-13) and should also cultivate his friendship, taking care not to offend or grieve – as if we were wooing someone of a gentle disposition.

Application (this is the bit where cell members get to participate. Lead discussions around these points)

In either order:

1, Allow worship to lead into prayer, keep the sense of worship and meeting with the Lord by playing music or interspersing prayer with more worship. Then pray for anyone who wants to walk closer with the Holy Spirit. As for specific areas people want to grow in or circumstances/people they need the Holy Spirit's help with.

2, Discuss what 'living with the Spirit' means to each – how does it look on a normal day/rough day/good day? What is missing from our experiences compared to that of Jesus or the early church of Acts? Go to 1 above.

Witness (this is the bit where the cell talks and prays about how to share the Good News)

Plan Monday Mayhem activities – let Tony know if you need anything but look to support the activities from within the group or shared between cells.

Pray for our contacts and for opportunities to share God's triumph in real nitty-gritty parts of our lives that will have direct application in their lives.