

Word notes Sunday 26/4/09 John Hummersone
Living in the Spirit – The Person of the Holy Spirit

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

The Holy Spirit dwells in all those who've accepted Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The Holy Spirit is God – one of the three persons of the Trinity or Godhead. He is a person not a force or power (though He does bring power into our lives giving gifts to empower effective ministry). The Holy Spirit's mission is to reveal Jesus, Jesus mission is to reveal the Father, the Father sends Jesus and the Holy Spirit so we can come to Him.

The Holy Spirit:

- Has intellect & knowledge (1 Cor. 2:10,11)
- Has emotions (Eph 4:29,30)
- Has will and makes decisions (Acts 16:6)
- Loves (Rom 15:30)

The Holy Spirit as a person (Jn 14:26):

- 1) Teaches us about God and ourselves
- 2) Tells the truth
- 3) Guides us
- 4) Convinces us
- 5) Commands us (Acts 30:1-3)
- 6) Prays for us (Rom 8:26,27) – where the Holy Spirit intercedes for us the enemy cannot intercept.

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

John brought a specific challenge (below) for each of the six things the Holy Spirit does listed above. John said challenge is good – change is better! Discuss John's "So" challenges – ask each to share which ones they feel particularly challenged about and how they might make a decision to change. Pray for each in their area of challenge & change.

- 1) Are you learning, going deeper with God in relationship and revelation, becoming more committed to eg coming together eagerly on Sunday mornings, men's prayer breakfast etc?.
- 2) Are you telling out the Truth as well as hearing it or do you "bottle" in some circumstances?
- 3) Are you ready to be guided by God – do you "relish and savour" the Truth within you or is it just theoretical head knowledge?
- 4) Do you believe in Jesus? Do you know the covering of God's righteousness on you or do you still see only the cracks and shabby bits that you're not proud of?
- 5) Are you in a position where God can command you or too busy with the unimportant or tied down by other things in your life?
- 6) Do you speak out your private prayers and allow the Holy Spirit to take them to the Father? Do you speak in the tongues allowing the Holy Spirit to pray for and with you?

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.