



Word Notes: Sunday 11th November 2018

Friends of God: Filled with the Holy Spirit

Key Text: John 15:26-16:15 and 14:15-27

At the Last Supper, Jesus is preparing his disciples for what is to come: his death and resurrection and for them: life filled with the Holy Spirit. He highlights a clear shift in their relationship in John 15:15, no longer will he call them servants, now he calls them friends – but how will they stay in such close relationship after he has gone? The answer can be found in the passages which surround the picture of the vine. Jesus leads into this new relationship with a promise of the Holy Spirit, and a description of his role with them.

So far in his Gospel John records Jesus talking about being “born of the Spirit”, the Spirit “giving life” and even the “streams of living water” that will flow up from within the believer but it’s not until now that Jesus makes clear the relationship between them and the Holy Spirit.

Small Group discussion

- 1) Look at the names used for the Holy Spirit in these two passages, you might use a Bible Dictionary or inline “Strong’s” descriptions if you have them on your Bible App to get a broader understanding.
 - a) What kind of relationship between yourself and the Holy Spirit, with Jesus and ultimately with God the Father do these names suggest?
 - b) How do you rely on the Holy Spirit in regard to these names? What practical steps do you take to engage with him?
- 2) Do the same – answer a) and b) above for the role description in the texts, eg “guide you into all truth”.
- 3) Read Luke 11:5-13 Is anyone missing out on the full experience of the Holy Spirit which has been discussed? What is Father’s heart for you and will you continue to ask for His gift?

Prayer

From discussion of question 3 are there any who would ask for prayer or who would pray and ask the Father for the Holy Spirit – or more / deeper in-dwelling in their lives. Pray for and with them but also for all your small group and the fellowship as a whole to be closer to Jesus through the Holy Spirit.