

## **Message Series: Ghosted**

### **Message Title: The Oil will not Run Dry.**

**Subheading:** Above me, beside me, within me

#### ***Key Scriptures:***

Matthew 25: 1-10

Leviticus 8:6-10

Acts 10:37-38

*Other scriptures:* 1kings 17:14; Exodus 27:20; Exodus 30:23-25; 1samuel 16:13; 2 Cor 1:21-22; Acts 1:8; Luke 4:18

#### ***Theme***

When Jesus left for heaven, he stated the best gift he could leave was the Holy Spirit. We cannot fulfil the mission of Jesus, or become more like Him, without the power of the Spirit. Jesus may have gone, but he has not disappeared. We want to people to know God better, and that requires knowing the person of the Holy Spirit. With so much misunderstanding on whether the Spirit provides any practical relevance to life today, we want to lead more than merely an encounter but a transformation towards life in the Spirit.

#### ***Message Summary***

Oil is often associated with the Spirit in the Bible; the anointing was the process of a person receiving the Spirit and the authority of office and work that goes with it. What we see in the life of Jesus is the power of God through the Spirit was evidenced in his life and works. Fundamentally, those who were anointed with oil were identified as people who had been entrusted by God with important responsibilities. As we examine the characteristics of this oil as it is used in the Bible, we can start to see that this metaphor **tells of the Holy spirit- it gives us a visible and tangible way to understand the invisible presence and action of the Holy Spirit upon and within the believers in the Church of Jesus Christ.**

#### **Whole Group Questions**

➤ ***Think & Talk:***

Reflect on the key facts from today's message that you took away- did you hear /learn anything that was new to you?

➤ **Do:**

1. Now examine what was said and clarify your understanding of this together by reading the bible yourselves- (there are some key scriptures provided above)
2. Can you find other places in the bible where the Holy Spirit is represented as Oil and apply what you have learned today, asking the

Holy Spirit to help you, and discuss- (e.g. oil as used by the Good Samaritan on the injured man in Luke 10:34)?

➤ **Pray:**

This week, Ask the Holy Spirit specifically what you want to know and listen for his answer as he is the spirit of Truth, and He will reveal Truth to you if you ask. Amen.

***How does applying this message affect our:***

***Fellowship - experiencing healthy relationships with other people***

The church is a body/a family, and each part relies on other parts in order to function collectively. If you have received Christ, you have received his Holy Anointing which marks you out as part of the family. In order to grow you need other members of the family to sit with, eat with and pray with- Have you found a place for yourself in the family where you can do these things with others?

***Discipleship - growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially***

**The 5 wise virgins in Matthew 25 understood the importance of a daily active walk and engagement with the Holy Spirit and so they made the daily effort to do so to keep their oil flowing. The Holy Spirit is our everyday helper and counsellor- he also reveals Christ to us and lightens our path so we can see, follow, and grow. He is ever-present and constant- He is available to you and generous with himself and for you to grow, you need to engage with him and encounter Him daily. If you had asked the 10 virgins if they had received the Holy Spirit- The 5 Foolish would say "we did"- past tense, but the 5 wise virgins would say "we are in Him"- Stay in Him and let him teach you-**

***1 John 2:2- "...The Spirit is truthful and teaches you everything. So stay in your heart with Christ, just as the Spirit teaches you to do"***

***Ministry - Discovering and using our God-given gifts and abilities***

When Jesus left for heaven, he stated the best gift he could leave was the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit anoints us to do his work- and we can only do this through the gifts he will give us- Ephesians 4:4-7- Paul tells us that the Spirit is one, given to the one church- there is no bigger or more Spirit that one can get- we all receive Him in his fullness- Yet he gives us different gifts to Minister his word and those gifts come with the relevant measure of grace needed to use them to accomplish what they need to. What gift have you received from the Holy Spirit?- have you engaged it?- May you, by faith discover your gift and step into it and the Holy spirit will graciously show you how to use it

***Evangelism - Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers***

The Holy Spirit Empowers us to be Witnesses of Christ as he has sent us. Our testimony of Jesus is not only in what we say, write down or actively and intentionally express, but it is also outlived in our character, our values, our perspective among others and in our position on the issues of life. **Your whole life and how you live it is a**

**witness of what you believe**- How is this when you measure it against the Light that the Holy Spirit wants you to be?

***Worship*** - May your walk with the Holy Spirit be a daily one so that you remain In Him TODAY, rather than have him as a memory of when you did. A relationship with the Holy Spirit is a big part of your act of Worship towards him.