

Message Series: Ghosted

Message Title: On Fire

Key Scripture:

Matthew 3:11, Hebrews 12:28–29, Zechariah 13:9

Other scriptures: Acts 2:2–4, Luke 3:16

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

What does John the Baptist mean with to say Jesus will baptise us with fire? From the cold river waters of baptism, to the immersion of the burning heat of the Holy Spirit. Fire changes what it touches. Nothing can remain the same. Fire doesn't stay on the outside it enters on the inside and burns everything up. The Spirit is not like a fireplace (where the fire is so delightful) for warm fuzzy feelings, no this is the Spirit of Jesus: a consuming fire.

Whole Group Questions

- Think & Talk: What have you learned about the Holy Spirit? What comes to mind?
- Do: Ask the Spirit what he wants to do in you today?
- Pray: Holy Spirit, I want to know you more. Amen.

How does applying this message affect our:

Fellowship – experiencing healthy relationships with other people

Whilst water baptism functions symbolically, affirming the change of lifestyle and making a public commitment, the Spirit enhances those to effect the change. Often after fire new life occurs. How can you ignite one another?

Discipleship – growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

Q: When you say you want more of God in your life; are you sure? Pray, Holy Spirit, refiners fire, purify, cleanse and heat me. May your purpose to see the image of Jesus in my life.

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

Fire was clearly the OT symbol of the presence of God that relates to His holiness. What sets you on fire with passion? What motivates your holiness? How does this spread to others?

Evangelism – Reaching out and sharing the love of Christ with unbelievers
The church exists by mission, as fire exists by burning. Fuelled by the Holy Spirit.

Have you talked as a group on how you could serve the Jubilee missions of the church?

Worship – Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis
A sure sign of the Spirit in you, is you're on fire, with more of GOD than anything else.

Let that stir your worship.