

Message Series: Ghosted

Message Title: Whose that behind the mask?

Key Scripture:

John 14:15-17, John 16:7

Other scriptures: Deuteronomy 6:4, 1 Corinthians 12:4-6, Romans 8:10-14, 2 Corinthians 13:14

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

One of the biggest questions in the Christian faith is: 'Who is the Holy Spirit?' What does the Bible teach us? How can we build a relationship with the Spirit? This message will emphasise how the Spirit in the OT mainly inspires individuals for special tasks, and was for a temporary period. In the NT the Spirit is presented as being available to all believers and remains with you always. To get to know someone we start from who they are. To get to know the Spirit we start from: The Holy Spirit is a person and a divine person. The Holy Spirit is God.

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

You cannot have fellowship with a force. If the Holy Spirit is an Advocate, a Comforter and a Helper how does that influence our relationships one to another?

Discipleship - growing in Christ both cognitively and experientially

In the OT the Spirit is with you, in the NT the Spirit is WITHIN YOU. Discuss.

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. How does that help our ministry?

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

*The HS has been valued for more His gifts and wonders than for whom he is.
You can hold the creedal belief of the Spirit but it should lead you to personal recognition
of God's empowering presence— Above me, beside me, within me.*

How would we explain that relationship to others?

Worship - Surrendering our heart and life to Christ on an ongoing basis

The Holy Spirit is God.

Talk to him as God in your acts of worship.