

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

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DISCUSSION

- Has there ever been a time when you felt the Holy Spirit was speaking to you, calling you to some kind of specific action? How did you respond? What was the result?
- What are the barriers Christians face when it comes to hearing and responding to the voice of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Are there practical things we could do in order to overcome those roadblocks?
- Read John 16:5-15 slowly, paying attention to the Holy Spirit's voice as you read. What stands out to you in this passage? Why do you think you are drawn to that part of the passage?

Review the following:

Dream Statement #11 from the South Abbotsford Church Vision Document:

- *The church we dream of is a community of people empowered by, responding to, and walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit. It is a church that is far more than the sum of its human parts; it is doing and experiencing things only possible when the living God is at work.*

Holy Spirit Empowerment Goals for 2017/18:

In 12 months we will be a congregation of people who...

- *Have grown in our anticipation and expectation of experiencing God in any and every moment in life.*
- *Have grown in our hearing of the voice of God in our lives; we will be experiencing more thoughts from God, not just thoughts about God.*
- *With greater regularity "risk" following the promptings of the Holy Spirit in our lives.*

As you read this Dream Statement and the associated goals, how could you envision your Life Group being a place where growth in these areas could be cultivated and encouraged?

Spend time attending to God's presence in your midst through prayer. If your normal pattern is to share prayer requests, please feel free to do so again. But before praying for one another, take a minute to attend to the presence of the Holy Spirit in silence and allow Him to identify ways in which He might want you to pray for others in the group beyond just what has been verbalized. Then move to prayer, praying both for the things requested, and praying in response to the prompts of the Holy Spirit to pray for others in specific ways.