

## Small Group Notes based on The Spirit 7

Remember, small groups are primarily for growing closer relationships with other believers. We can learn wonderful things in this environment but keep relationships first.

- Make sure everyone knows each other's names. Have everyone share a little about themselves and how life is going right now.
- This Week: Being Spirit Led continued.
  - Normal Biblical Christianity involves living a Holy Spirit led life.
- Sometimes, though, people can have difficulty with this. Work through and discuss these FAQs:
- Evaluate and discuss the following:
- How does it go wrong?
  - We all miss it from time to time. Don't be so proud as to refuse to learn from this! That happens too often.
    - Also, test everything. **1 Thessalonians 5:19-21**
  - Here are some ways we can miss it:
    - Think emotions or desires are God talking to you.
    - Projecting what God is saying to you onto others.
      - If you are mad that the church isn't doing something...
    - Misinterpreting the meaning of what God said:
      - Agabus and Paul in **Acts 20:22-24 and Acts 21:10-12**
      - Same message, but a different interpretation.
    - See the "finished product" but can't handle the many steps involved.
    - Unstable people can really mess this up. Death row guy for ex.
      - Must line up with Biblical morality! No one gets a pass on that! That is a huge red flag for someone being false.
- I don't seem to be hearing anything?
  - Inability to get alone with God.
    - Trust issues, sin separates, pride/don't want to hear, etc.
  - Surrogate relationships with: church, church growth, (building projects), theology, political stances, moral/social opinions, etc., rather than with God.
    - These idols are mute!
  - Fear (misguided fear too) can be way too loud. Be still and know He is God.
  - What did you do with the last thing you heard?
  - Re-establish your relationship with God even if you don't think you need to.
- How do I learn?
  - Practice! Ask for guidance from God and obey!
    - Believe **James 1:5-7**.
    - If you are not prepared to obey then don't ask and don't pretend that Jesus is your Lord.
  - Evaluate how it went and learn, then move forward again!
    - Pay attention to your emotions, interpretations, etc. and the results!
  - Fast and pray!
- This is really about just being close to God.
  - Re-establish your relationship with God even if you don't think you need to.
  - Draw close to God and He will draw close to you, **James 4:7-10**.
- Pray for each other before you finish up!