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"The Spirit doesn't just get you started; He reshapes you every day as you cling to the truth."
[Tim Keller]

ENGAGE & CONNECT

What's one summer memory with friends or your church family that always makes you smile when you think about it?

BEGIN WITH PRAYER

Spend a moment praying this passage, beginning your time together in humility and gratitude!

*"Our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power,
with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction."*
[1 Thessalonians 1:5]

BIG IDEA

When we accept the reality of our relationship with the Holy Spirit and act in faith upon that fact, we'll experience a transformed life in step with God and His purposes.

PASSAGE & DISCUSSION

1. In the sermon we heard, *"The Spirit of truth works where truth is being heralded and heard."* How are you welcoming the Spirit of truth into your life currently? Be specific!

1 Corinthians 3:10-17

2. According to v. 10–11, what foundation is Paul referring to? Why is it non-negotiable?
3. Why is it essential for us to understand that the Spirit's indwelling is not just a concept to be learned, but a reality to be lived?
4. The Holy Spirit is both the builder and the inhabitant. What does this teach us about the Spirit's role in our growth?
5. How should the "temple" metaphor shape the way we view our everyday behaviors and choices as Christians?
6. What changed when you experienced a moment where you sensed the Spirit dwelling in you in a transformative way?
7. What area(s) of your life reflect "gold and silver" (Spirit-led works)? What area(s) might be more like "wood and straw" (flesh-led efforts)?
8. In the sermon we heard, *"The Holy Spirit is willing to be to us as much as we are willing to have of*

Him.” What would change if you were more willing to allow your body and decisions to be sacred spaces for God’s presence?

9. How can our small group help each other “act the miracle” of being indwelt by the Spirit?

10. What habits can our group adopt to increase our awareness of the Spirit’s presence among us?

STEP OF OBEDIENCE

Every believer, and the church together, is a living temple where God Himself dwells by His Spirit. The Spirit is not a distant force but a present person, transforming us from the inside out. [This identity is both a gift and a call](#): to build well, live reverently, and carry the weight of God’s presence with joy. The miracle isn’t something we chase—it’s something we are.

As you consider your next step, here are two questions to reflect on: 1) Am I living more from the flesh or the Spirit in this season of life? 2) Do I see my daily life—habits, words, thoughts—as sacred space?

Possible Next Steps of Faith

1. Set aside 5 minutes daily this week to practice “temple awareness”—invite the Spirit to guide your thoughts and decisions.
2. Ask one trusted friend to help you identify one “wood or straw” area in your life and pray with you to build with gold (Spirit-led).

PRAYER FOCUS

Step By Step

Today, let’s prayerfully reflect on our relationship with the Holy Spirit and express faith-filled surrender to walk with Him in everyday life.

- *“The Holy Spirit is not far off—He lives in us. Let’s take a moment to acknowledge His presence.”*
Pause for 10–15 seconds in silence.
- Each person completes this sentence in prayer: “Holy Spirit, because you live in me, I will take a step of faith in ____.” Here are a few examples:
 - “... in forgiving someone I’ve been holding back from.”
 - “... in trusting You instead of controlling everything.”
 - “... in letting go of fear and choosing peace.”
- Say this prayer together as a declaration:
 - *“Holy Spirit, you are with us.
We accept your presence and power.
Help us walk in step with you—
not by fear, not by striving, but by faith.
Lead us, transform us, and use us for God’s glory.
Amen.”*

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [1 Corinthians Ch. 3 Commentary](#) & [The Church As God’s Temple](#)
 - Use these for background and encouragement before your group gathers.
- [Cultivating Attentiveness to God’s Presence](#)
 - This would be a good resource to use after your group gathers.