

## 190609 Why we Desperately need more of the Holy Spirit

- **Read Psalm 42:1-2** and **Psalm 27:4** When was the last time you remember feeling 'desperate' for more of God (this might be His presence, His love, encouragement, healing, provision etc.)
  - Read Acts 2:1-4, the pouring out of the HS at Pentecost. If we have our salvation through Jesus, fellowship and support in the church and guidance and promises in the Bible why do we need the HS?
  - The following are 9 reasons Ben gave on Sunday. Here are some options for how you apply them to your LG this week:
    - o Choose one or two you feel like you need to develop more as a life group, study the Scriptures on them and then pray into receiving and applying them more as a life group. There may be other Scriptures you also want to add in too.
    - o Ask the following questions of each one: 1. Do I try and do this more in my strength or the strength and empowering of the HS? 2. What else do I turn to before I turn to God in this area? 3. How important is this in my everyday life (i.e. how much does this feature on my radar?) 4. How much do I 'desperately' need more of the HS in this area?
1. The HS role is to convict us of our sin and to keep us holy. For our good, the good of those around us and God's glory. John 16:8
  2. The HS is there to remind us of our identity – Romans 8:14-17 We live in Sonship not sinnership.
  3. For boldness to go and do what I wouldn't be able to do otherwise! Acts 1:8, Acts 4:29-31,33
  4. To keep us humble. We recognise our complete and utter reliance of God's empowering through the HS. Acts 4:8 shows Peter standing up before the crowd and describes him as 'filled with the HS', before he delivers the Gospel message. James 4:6.
  5. For guidance it is the HS who leads us and guides us. John 16:13 , Acts 16:6-7.
  6. For personal faith, strength and encouragement e.g.
    - a. Romans 5:5 God's love poured into our hearts through the HS
    - b. Ephesians 3:16 strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being
    - c. 1Thess 1:6 in the midst of suffering you had 'Joy given be the HS'
    - d. Romans 15:13 – being filled with all joy and peace and overflow with hope by the power of the HS
  7. To build up the body through Spiritual gifts, Romans 12:6-8, 1Cor. 12:7, Eph. 4:11-16
  8. To teach us to pray and lead us to worship. John 4:23 says we are to worship in Spirit and in truth. Secondly the HS guides and leads us in prayer. Romans 8:26-27. Eph. 6:18 Paul tells us to pray in the Spirit on all occasions. He is our teacher and guide when it comes to prayer and worship.
  9. We need more of the HS because we leak and need to be continually filled!

