

# WATCH THE WIND

SERMON STUDY - 6.8.2025

## Leader Corner

What the Spirit Wants

**Leader Corner:** The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ, dwelling in those who truly believe in Jesus. What a gift! He is God, working in the mind, soul, emotions, will and actions of God's people to do God's will on this earth and to reveal the truth of the gospel of Jesus Christ (John 14:26, John 15:26-27, Romans 8:14).

**Main Idea:** What the Spirit Wants

**Main Practice:** Looking for evidence of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

**Main Teaching:** See the scripture references in this sermon study.

## Connect with Prayer & Praise

Have someone pray that your group will be open to the Person of the Holy Spirit and His work in your lives.

## with Principle

1. Share with the group anything shared in this Sunday's sermon that was new or thought-provoking to you.
2. Read Ezekial 36:25-27 aloud. Why does God want us to have a new heart guided by His Spirit? Discuss, using the following scriptures: Jeremiah 17:9-10, 1 Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 4:23, Matthew 6:21, 15:18-19, James 3: 14-17.
3. Read Ephesians 1:13-14 aloud. God wants us to know and be assured that we are His. He does this by the presence and "seal" of the Holy Spirit. How does the Spirit lead us to sense that assurance? What does this look like in our lives? See Romans 8:1, 8:14-16, 1 John 3:7-10.
4. Read John 16:8 aloud. Here, the Holy Spirit wants us to know the truth that we need a Savior; we can't save ourselves. Where else in Scripture does the Holy Spirit point us to this need for Christ? Discuss Romans 3:23-24, 6:23, Ephesians 2:1-5, 1 John 4:13-15.
5. Read John 14:16-17 aloud. The Spirit here is seen to be our helper. He wants us to know the truth. How does this happen? Helpful scriptures: John 14:6, 16:13-14, 1 Corinthians 2:10-16.
6. Read Galatians 5:22-23 aloud. Here we see how the Spirit wants us to live our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is Christlikeness lived out. It is evidence of the Holy Spirit—Christ's Spirit—abiding in us. Contemplate this as you share John 15:1-11.

## with Practice

Make it a regular practice of your group and each individual to pray that your desires align with the desires of God's Spirit.

## for Further Study

Read Galatians 5:16-21. Paul discusses what the Spirit does *not* want for us. Then, when we continue through verse 26 of Galatians 5, we find that our claim of faith in Christ, and our assurance of the indwelling Spirit will be confirmed by lives in alignment with Christ, not the world.