

Mission Mindset Quiet Time Series

May – The Role of the Missionary—Holy Spirit’s Part vs Our Part

Week 18: Holy Spirit Convicts the World

John 16:7

- Jesus is speaking the disciples preparing them for his time of departure. And in the middle of telling them that he will no longer be able to physically walk with them they should not be saddened by that, instead they should be excited because that means that the Holy Spirit will come. Jesus says that its actually better for us to have the Holy Spirit, then for Jesus to physically be walking with us each day.
 - *What would be different about your day if you had Jesus physically with you tomorrow?*
 - *How much more confident do you think you would be about your mission to make disciples? How much bolder would you be in Bible studies or discipling times?*
 - *Why do you think having Jesus physically present would make such a difference for us?*
 - *Why do you think its BETTER that we have the Holy Spirit rather than Jesus physically walking with us?*
- The Greek word used for “advocate” (paraklētos) here means “one who goes alongside.” And Jesus is saying that in the same way that the apostles had Jesus physically walking alongside them, all Christians all over the world would now have the Holy Spirit to go alongside with them, to guide them, teach them, encourage them, direct them, and powerfully work through them.

John 16:8

- One of the primary roles of the Holy Spirit as he is with us, is to convict the world of sin, righteousness, and judgement.
- The word for convict (elenchō) means to stop someone dead in their tracks and make them have an eye-opening moment that then changes the course of their life.
- As we walk with the Holy Spirit, he will change hearts, he will convince people to see their sin and their need for God. The Holy Spirit changes hearts and minds, all we do is plant the seed and water it.
 - *What are some of the things that scare you about studying the Bible with people?*
 - *Realize that our only role is to get people to see the scriptures, the Holy Spirit does everything else. The Holy Spirit changes hearts and opens minds to understand. What does that change about your feelings regarding studying the Bible with people?*
- Think through your conversion story, the Holy Spirit was working on your heart long before anyone opened the Bible with you, all the people studying with you did was show you the scriptures so the Spirit could convict you, open your eyes and change your heart.
- We do not have an impossible task, the Holy Spirit is always working and is already working in Lehigh, we just need to be committed with getting as many people to come in contact with the scriptures as possible.

Application: We must understand our role in conversion. We have the easy job; the Holy Spirit is with us desiring to use each of us powerfully to open eyes and change hearts. We must just get people to come in contact with the scriptures.

This week, ask someone to study the Bible and pray for the Holy Spirit to move powerfully.