

Parish Church of **St. Barnabas, Swanland** *Sharing Christ through friendship.*

Sunday 4th March 2012 – the fullness of the Spirit

Group notes – Readings: Ephesians 5:15-21 and John 7:37-44

Welcome (Ice Breaker)	Ice-breaker !” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you played “hide and seek” as a child (or with your children) did you prefer hiding or seeking? Where was one of your best hiding spots? Did you stay hidden long or did you jump out to scare the one seeking you.
Worship ideas	# 97 Father, I Place Into Your Hands (can be used as an opening prayer) # 658 As The Deer Pants for the water # 362 Lord, The Light Of Your Love is shining
Word (refs.↓)	<i>suggestions for discussion:</i>
	If we are going to experience the fullness of the Christian life, what must we learn to do with respect to the Holy Spirit?
John 7 : 37	Christ, in John 7:37, was changing the focus of the feast from liquid water that would provide life for their crops to the "living water" that would provide life for their thirsty souls compare this to John 4:9-14.
John 7 : 37-38	Every day at the feast water would be poured out as a symbol of thanks for God’s provision. In this context what does Jesus’ statement mean?
John 7 : 38	What are we supposed to allow the Holy Spirit to do once we receive it?
John 7 : 31-39	Jesus is the source of divine revelation. What do we learn of that revelation in v37-39.
	What are some ways that the Spirit’s work is like water – compare John 4 : 13-14
	What evidence can you offer of the presence of the Holy Spirit in your life?
	How is His presence like flowing water?
	What is the relationship for you between believing the promises of Christ and experiencing the power of the Holy Spirit.
Ephesians 5:15-17	What characterises those who are wise? How wise are you?
Ephesians 5:18	Is this a suggestion from God or a commandment?
Witness	The world is a spiritual desert, and everyday we are coming into contact with people who are dying of thirst. They may be your husband or your wife. They may be your parent or your child. They may be your employer or employee. They might simply be an acquaintance. Are you, by the way you are living your life, extending the water that Christ is offering to them?