

The Parish Church of St. Barnabas, Swanland - 'Sharing Christ through friendship'

CELL GROUP NOTES: 1st Sunday after Trinity, w/beg 6th June 2010.

Readings: Romans 8 : 9-17 and John 14 : 15-27

Gifts of the Spirit: *the Person and Work of the Spirit*

Welcome/ icebreaker	Discuss in your group how you know that the Holy Spirit is real and present both in your life and that of your church community. What does it mean to you to be an 'heir' of God, and share in His glory?
Worship	<i>Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! (183)</i> <i>Lord, the light of your love is shining (362)</i> <i>The Spirit of the Lord (548)</i>
Word (refs.↓)	
John 14 v18	"I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you." What did Jesus mean by this statement?
John 14 v22	Is the Judas of John 14:22 the same Judas who betrayed Jesus? ¹
John 14	How is every Christian guaranteed a great ministry? ²
	How is every Christian guaranteed effective prayer? ³
	How is every Christian guaranteed great comfort? ⁴
	How is every Christian guaranteed effective counsel? ⁵
John 14 : 16-14 & 25-27	What do you learn about the Holy Spirit in these verses and what is the relationship of the Father, Jesus and the Holy Spirit to the believer? To each other? What is the difference between how Jesus gives "Peace" and how the world does?
Romans 8 v9-17	From this passage, what roles do God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit play in setting men free?
Romans 8 v10	In what sense is the body dead? What does this verse say about sin in the life of believers?
Romans 8 v10	Should the word "spirit" be capitalized? Whose spirit is alive because of righteousness?
Romans 8 v14	What does it mean to be "led by the Spirit" How does the Spirit help us fight our battles – give an example.
Romans 8 v16-17	The Jews already considered themselves to be children of God because of their heritage; but Paul explains that the term has new meaning. What is that meaning? ⁶
Witness	Our reading from the Gospel of John is about Jesus going away from his disciples. The disciples did not give Jesus a "going away gift" but Jesus gave them and all of us a "going away gift." As we surrender our burdens to God, they are replaced with the going away gift that Jesus left for us, His followers ... a shower of gifts that keeps on giving every day of our life and on into eternity with him forever. Amen!

Cell Group Leader notes:

¹ No. He is probably the disciple called Thaddaeus. See Matthew 10:3 and Mark 3:18.

² See John 14:12, which means the gospel will be spread throughout the world. Whereas, while the Lord was here, His ministry was localised

³ . By praying in accordance with His will. Then the Lord's name is glorified, and believers' prayers are answered.

⁴ This promise refers to the Holy Spirit, who dwells with the believer and is in the believer. He comes alongside to give whatever help is needed

⁵ See John 14:16-17. The Holy Spirit comes alongside to give whatever counsel is needed.

⁶ True children of God are those who are led by the Spirit of God as evidenced in their lifestyle. Believers not only have the Spirit (Romans 8:9); they are also led by the Spirit.