

Week Five: *The Forgotten God*

Acts 1:8

Spend FIFTEEN – Day One

1. If a friend were to ask you to explain the Trinity, how comfortable would you feel explaining the Trinity to him or her?
2. The Bible says that God is three “Persons”, and that each of these Persons reflects an aspect of God’s relationship with humanity. God the Father who creates, God the Son who saves, and God the Spirit who empowers. Which Person of the Trinity do you feel the most connected with, and why?
3. All three Persons are fully God, and we should be careful not to ignore any of them. Read Ezekiel 36:25-27. Which Person is God talking about in this section?
4. What specific functions does it sound like God’s Spirit will accomplish in us?
5. How does the description in Ezekiel compare to your own experience of God? Have you felt such things from the Spirit that he describes?
6. If yes, what things have you done that allowed the Spirit to act so powerfully in your life? If no, what things might you be doing that keep the Spirit from acting so powerfully in your life?
7. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray to God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and ask him to fulfill his promise from Ezekiel 36 in your life.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two

8. Start by watching this short, cute video from author Francis Chan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mite667rJnA>. What do you think the big red tractor represents?
9. Read Acts 1:8. Whose power should we be relying on to live fruitful lives?
10. What kept the village people from using the tractor the way it had been intended to be used?
11. What changed once they got back to the original intent of the tractor?

12. How does this map to the situation in the church today?
13. How does this connect to your own life and your reliance on the Holy Spirit to bear fruit?
14. As you finish your FIFTEEN, ask God to reveal to you how his Spirit could be working far more powerfully in your life than you may have thought possible.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three

15. Read Acts 3:1-8. What miracle did Peter perform?
16. What gave him the confidence to make such a bold promise to the beggar?
17. If the Holy Spirit is so amazingly powerful to accomplish miracles and bear fruit in our lives, then why do you think more believers aren't focused on tapping into the Spirit of God? Why don't more people want to do miracles?
18. How about you? Acts 1:8 promises that you have the power of God available to you 24/7. What keeps you from asking for it, and maybe doing miracles like Peter?
19. Pastor Francis Chan speculates that there are two kinds of fear that keep us from relying on the Holy Spirit: fear that God won't come through in the moment, or fear that God *will* come through! Which one resonates with you more?
20. Close your FIFTEEN in prayer in which you face your fear. Whichever way your fear goes, call it out, and trust that God wants to give you the best things (Luke 11:13).

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four

21. Which kind of Christian would you think has more confidence and supernatural power: one of the ones who followed Jesus personally in the first century, or a Christ-follower in 2018? Why?
22. Read John 14:11-17. What does Jesus say about the kind of work his followers will do?
23. How can it possibly be true that we will do greater works than Jesus? What does he promise to do to enable this for us in verses 16-17?

24. Read John 16:5-9. Jesus makes an astounding statement about leaving his followers behind. What is it?
25. If the world's sin is that "people do not believe in Jesus," then how will the coming of the Holy Spirit change that?
26. Check out Paul's encouragement to believers in Ephesians 3:16-19. What differences in our own lives does he point out will come from having the Spirit?
27. End your FIFTEEN by asking God to fill you with his divine power, as he promised. Pray for his Spirit to manifest in both power and love, so that you will be a shining witness to the people around you.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five

28. Why would you say that someone should desire to have more of the Holy Spirit in their life?
29. Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-11. In this letter about the Holy Spirit, what reason does Paul give for why we should desire the gifts of the Spirit? (See verse 7 if you need help.)
30. Of the spiritual gifts listed in verses 8-11, are there any that you have noticed manifesting in your own life? Which ones have you noticed and how have you seen them play out?
31. If you haven't seen much evidence of spiritual gifting, or not as much as you'd like, what do you think might be a good next step to take?
32. One thing that might help you to receive spiritual power is to start with a spiritual guarantee: Read Romans 8:15-17. What identity do we receive through the power of the Holy Spirit?
33. Confidence in identity is the beginning of all power. Nobody can affect change in the world around them unless they believe they have the right and the ability to make changes. What right and ability has the Lord given you?
34. Close your FIFTEEN by claiming God's identity for yourself, and asking him to help you confidently embrace his power to do the work he created for you to do (Ephesians 2:10).