



**Riverstone**  
BAPTIST CHURCH

## Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November  
Vision Sunday

### Life in the Spirit.

*16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans.*

1. The Spirit and adoption (Gal. 4:6-7 & Rom. 8:15-16).
2. The Spirit and being marked by love. (Rom. 5:5-6 & Gal. 6:22-26)
3. The Spirit and learning to serve. (Exodus 33:12-17 & Num 11:16-25)
4. The Spirit and being propelled outwards. (Acts 1:8)

### **A. Examining the texts.**

1. Read Gal. 4:6-7 & Rom. 8:15-16. What do these tell us- how would you paraphrase them? How is the Spirit here related to adoption?
2. Read Rom. 5:5-6 & Gal. 6:22-26. What does these passages say about God's love for us and what do they say about the Spirit and our capacity to love? Summarize the relationship between the two and how we ought to practice it?
3. Read Exod. 33:12-17 & Num 11:16-25. How is the Spirit crucial to service in both these instances? How does the Spirit aid service and what do these two pictures reveal about the relationship between the Spirit and service?
4. Read Acts 1:8. What is the promise made in this verse and what purpose is given for the promise?

### **B. Meditation & application**

1. "God has not left us as orphans." That is great news! He has promised to be with us. Why is this important as we contemplate the vision of the church?
2. Do you think its important that if we are Christian we see ourselves as children of God? If so- what difference does "adoption" make to the way we pray- the way we ask- the way we live and why is the Spirit important to this?
3. The Spirit aids us in our service in the kingdom. How do the exodus passage and the number passage encourage you as you think about serving God? How is Moses an example? What help do you need in your service as you live for the Lord?
4. How would you describe your current practice of witnessing to Christ? Are you engaged in the mission? If not- what keeps you from it? How could you practice the presence of the Spirit as you reach out to others about Christ?
5. Have you ever "experienced the power of the Spirit and his leading?" If so share with another believer this week about that fact to encourage them so that they too might be witnesses.

Dear heavenly Father, We want to thankyou for the promise of the divine presence as we seek to serve you. Help us to not grow weary or be discouraged instead help us to be mindful that if God is for us- then who can be against us. Come Holy Spirit- Come! Amen.