

Sermon Notes

Praise for the Promised Holy Spirit

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As we study this passage....

Don't lose focus of the goal: the worship of God

Don't miss the initiative: the plan of God

Don't overlook the grace: lavished on us out of the riches of his grace

Don't miss the means: in Christ all of this is offered, received, and realized

The Sovereignty of God:

All things united in Christ according to God's purpose and plan

The Responsibility of Man:

The word of truth heard, the gospel believed, and Christ trusted

The Work of the Holy Spirit:

The promise, the proof of possession, the pledge of our inheritance

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Weekly Discipleship Guide

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I never knew: I was challenged:
I was reminded: I was convicted:
A question I still have: A truth I could share:

Know

Monday

Spend some time today doing the following:

Read the sermon passage again.
Select a portion of this week's sermon passage to memorize this week.
Write your selected portion and read it to yourself at least 10 times throughout the day.

Know > Be

Tuesday

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Write a prayer of response, guided by the passage.
(May include adoration, confession/repentance, thanksgiving, petition, etc...)
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Wednesday

Think about this week's questions for group discussion:

How does knowing that God works all things according to the counsel of his will affect you? Why do we need to consistently reflect on this truth?

Using this week's text, summarize the role of the Holy Spirit in the redemption. How would you explain this to someone outside of Christ?

Why should we seek to grow in our understanding of the Holy Spirit and his work in our lives? How aware would you say you are of his presence and activity?

Be > Do

Thursday

In your journal, spend some time considering the following:

What insights have you had while internalizing this week's passage?
How specifically will you seek to apply its truths in your home/workplace/life in general?

Do

*Use this guide to help you internalize this week's passage & message.

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