



LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

Wednesday 25 June 2014

TITLE: MANIFESTING THE SPIRIT

TEXT: 1 Corinthians 12:7; 1 John 2:20, 27; Ephesians 5:18

But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all (1 Co 12:7)

20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. **27** But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. 1 John 2:20, 27

Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 5:18

INTRODUCTION

This week we reflect and share together the profound process of manifesting the character and charisma of Christ in and through our lives. We don't want to be disciples who speak volumes about being anointed but do not manifest that anointing in their daily lives and ministries! Do we?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION & REFLECTION

1. According to 1 Corinthians 12:7 our spiritual gifts are described as "the manifestation of the Spirit." What does that say about their source and function? Discuss the meaning and importance of manifesting the Holy Spirit.
2. Which believers are eligible to receive spiritual gifts? Are you one of them?
3. Who should benefit (profit) from your spiritual gifts?
4. According to 1 John 2:20, 27 what do we all have as children of God? What is "the anointing"?
5. Where is the anointing as far as our lives are concerned? Does the anointing in us come and go? Why?
6. How does the anointing benefit us?
7. What is the difference between having the Spirit's anointing within you and being filled with the Spirit? (Compare: Ephesians 5:18)
8. What is to be filled with the Spirit? (Hint: To be filled with the Spirit is to be e... and c... by the Holy Spirit). Can we overflow or manifest the Spirit without being filled?
9. Although the Spirit permanently abides in us, are we also automatically always filled with the Spirit? Why? Whose responsibility is it to ensure you that you are continuously filled? What are you going to do about it?
10. Here's a recommended prayer and declaration: *Heavenly Father, I ask once again that you fill me with your Spirit today. I acknowledge that the anointing already abides in me. Now I welcome the manifestation of the Spirit in and through my life today through spiritual gifts and fruit. I believe I receive it in Jesus' mighty name. Hallelujah!*