



## **Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit and Me**

Date: Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2018

Speakers: Mike Gowen, Steve Philpott

Key Verses:

### **Summary**

Steve and Mike spoke about the work of the Holy Spirit, their own stories and the message of Holy Spirit to each of us and the Church. They reflected that our faith is not built upon experience, but experience of the Holy Spirit is something that builds and strengthens faith.

They considered 3 facets of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit who loves me
2. The Holy Spirit who fills me
3. The Holy Spirit who empowers me

Steve spoke about the place of the Vineyard Church from its inception onwards as one of a Holy Spirit story, and placed it in the different renewal movements that have happened over many centuries.

## Small Group Questions

Thinking about the 3 themes, read the suggested verses, take some time to ask the Holy Spirit what he's saying through these verses, and share with each other:

- The Holy Spirit who Loves Me
  - Matt 3.16-17; What does the Father say to his son?
  - How does the Father feel about us? Romans 5.5?
  - What is it like to experience the love of God, through the Holy Spirit?
  - How do we respond when part of God's love through the Holy Spirit, is also about changing us? John 16.8
  - What is 'reverential awe'? Acts 2.43
  
- The Holy Spirit who Fills Me
  - John 7.37-39; What does it feel like to be physically thirsty? What does spiritual thirst feel like?
  - Hebrews 6.7 talks about sharing in the Holy Spirit, what does it take for us to 'drink in the rain often falling on it'?
  - (Steve spoke about being observant; open and absorbent – how do we do/be that?)
  
- The Holy Spirit who Empowers me
  - Acts 1.8 & 1 Corinthians 12, what are the signs and purpose of the Holy Spirit?

### To ponder or pray about this week...

- What's your Holy Spirit and me story and future?
- What's this series teaching you?