

SERMON APPLICATION GUIDE

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S IMPACT

I SAMUEL 16:14-23

SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2023

- I. **The Observable Problem: vs. 14-15**
- II. **The Proposed Remedy: vs. 16-18**
- III. **The Ironic Solution: vs. 19-23**
- IV. **Application**
 - 1) **Marvel and trust in the sovereign hand of God**
 - 2) **Live by the Holy Spirit's Empowerment**
 - a. **Regularly acknowledge and practice His on-going presence.**
 - b. **Avoid grieving the Holy Spirit through on-going sin.**
 - c. **Learn more about the Holy Spirit's role and pray for His help.**

Questions:

1. How do you understand vs. 14 when it says the harmful spirit that tormented Saul was *from the Lord*? How does this inform your understanding of God's sovereignty in suffering?
2. How do we see God's sovereign hand in this passage? Why is it important to be reminded of God's activity even when it's "behind the scenes"? Is there anything in your life that needs to be reminded of God's sovereign activity right now?
3. When you think about the Holy Spirit what are some words, phrases, or descriptions that come to your mind immediately?
4. How would you describe your relationship with the Holy Spirit and why?
5. Allow 5-10 minutes for the members in your small group to do the following exercise on their own. Then, come back and share your answers and see if there are any themes or insight.

A few follow up questions after the exercise:

- What stuck out to you the most when you reviewed your answers? Are there any themes that emerged?
- Were you surprised by any of these things that the Holy Spirit does?
- How can these passages listed below assist you in developing your relationship with the Holy Spirit?
- Use the application points from the sermon to draw discussion on ways to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit.

Review the following list of 20 things the Holy Spirit does in the life of a Christian. On a scale of 1-5 (1 = never; 2 = hardly at all; 3 = sometimes or on occasion; 4 = regularly; 5 = daily), fill in the blanks that most accurately describes your experience.

1. The Spirit guides us into all truth ([John 16:13](#)). _____
2. The Spirit reveals and glorifies Christ to us ([John 15:26](#); [16:14](#)). _____
3. The Spirit leads us ([Rom. 8:14](#); [Gal. 5:18](#); [Matt. 4:1](#); [Luke 4:1](#)). _____
4. The Spirit sanctifies us ([2 Thess. 2:13](#); [1 Pet. 1:2](#); [Rom. 5:16](#)). _____
5. The Spirit empowers us ([Luke 4:14](#); [24:49](#); [Rom. 15:19](#); [Acts 1:8](#); [Eph. 3:16](#)). _____
6. The Spirit fills us ([Eph. 5:18](#); [Acts 2:4](#); [4:8](#), [31](#); [9:17](#)). _____
7. The Spirit teaches us to pray ([Rom. 8:26-27](#); [Jude 1:20](#)). _____
8. The Spirit enables us to obey the truth ([1 Pet. 1:22](#)). _____
9. The Spirit bears witness in us that we are children of God ([Rom. 8:16](#)). _____
10. The Spirit produces in us the fruit of His work and presence ([Gal. 5:22-23](#)). _____
11. The Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to us ([1 Cor. 12:4, 8-10](#); [Heb. 2:4](#)). _____
12. The Spirit brings unity and oneness to the body ([Eph. 4:3](#); [2:14-18](#)). _____
13. The Spirit enables us to wait ([Gal. 5:5](#)). _____
14. The Spirit is our guarantee and deposit of the future resurrection ([2 Cor. 1:22](#); [2 Cor. 5:5](#)).

15. The Spirit seals us unto the day of redemption ([Eph. 1:13](#); [4:30](#)). _____
16. The Spirit brings freedom ([2 Cor. 3:17](#)). _____
17. The Spirit comforts us ([Acts 9:31](#)). _____
18. The Spirit brings things to our remembrance ([John 14:26](#)). _____
19. The Spirit teaches us ([1 Cor. 2:13](#); [John 14:26](#)). _____
20. The Spirit gives us joy ([1 Thess. 1:6](#)). _____