

Sermon Notes:

Loneliness is something that everyone on this planet has dealt with on some level in their lives. We can be surrounded by people and still be lonely.

Quote: Mother Teresa said, “the greatest problem in the world is not actually starvation; It’s loneliness.

The disciples of Jesus after having spent 3 years with Jesus were afraid of being left alone.

Matthew 28:20 (NLT)

Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

the moment you experience the Holy Spirit living within you, you are never alone.

Passage: John 15:26

Who is the Holy Spirit?

1. **He is a person**
2. **Our helper**, (counsellor, advocate, comforter, encourager)
The literal Greek word is *Paráklētos*, which means: *para* is ‘alongside’ and *kletos* is ‘called’: so it’s ‘one who’s called alongside’
3. **Spirit of truth**, (convicts us of sin and guides us to truth)
4. **Reveals Jesus to us**. (helps us discover and know Jesus)

1. The Holy Spirit was involved in Creation

Genesis 1:1-2 (NLT)

2. The Holy Spirit came upon particular people for particular tasks

Bezalel (Exodus 31:1-5)

Gideon (Judges 6:14-16)

Sampson (Judges 15:14)

Isaiah (Isaiah 61:1-2)

3. The Holy Spirit was promised to you by God.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 (NLT)

Holy Spirit wants to

- fill your life with His presence.
- give you a new heart,
- place his spirit within you and walk out this life journey with you
- take your stoney hard heart and make it soft and responsive to Him.
- bring change into our heart, so that we are not forced to obey Him, but we want to obey Him.

Life Group Discussion

(feel free to use any or all of these questions)

Warm Up:

1. What is one activity or hobby you like or don't mind doing on your own(solo)?
2. Describe a time in your life you felt most alone. What got you through it?

Study & Discussion:

Read together: Luke 3:16

In your opinion what did John mean when he said that Jesus would baptize us in the Holy Spirit and with Fire?

Read together: Ezekiel 36:26-27

This was a prophecy given by a prophet several hundred years before Jesus the Messiah showed up on the scene, describing what God was going to do through Him. What is the purpose of Him giving us a new heart? What has this looked like for you? Looking ahead what are you thinking God needs to continue to do in your life?

Read together: Isaiah 61:1-2

It is easy to read this scripture just from a standpoint of what Jesus came to do, but ultimately God's plan is to do these things through His followers. He wants to do it with us! What does this look like for you and for the church as a whole to live this out?

Prayer:

1. Pray for each others individual needs? Also.....
2. Is there someone outside the group you would like prayer for?
3. Pray together for God's purposes in Isaiah 61 to be lived out here and through us.