

Title: The Ultimate Collaboration

Text: *"And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee."* (2 Cor. 1:21-22)

Target: What Christ lived by, we must live in.

Discussion Questions for Community Groups or Personal Study: My prayer for you is that you would see if Jesus was so intentional about His earthly life being directed and submitted to the Holy Spirit, then so should we. Make this personal and practical in your own lives or the community group you are in! Much Love, P.E.

1. Where Am I Doing This Alone?

Jesus never lived or ministered independently from the Spirit.

What is one decision, responsibility, or pressure in your life right now that you've been carrying without inviting the Holy Spirit into it?

2. Initiated by God or Managed by Me?

Jesus' life was conceived and initiated by the Spirit.

Where have you been trying to control the outcome instead of trusting that God is the one who started the work?

3. Led... Even When It's Uncomfortable

The Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness, not away from it.

Is there an uncomfortable step, conversation, or obedience you sense God prompting that you've been avoiding? What's holding you back?

4. Speaking From Pressure or From the Father?

Jesus only spoke what the Father gave Him to say.

Think about a recent moment of tension (work, family, marriage, parenting). How might that moment have been different if you had paused to listen before responding?

5. Depending on Ability or Anointing?

Jesus ministered by the Spirit, not self-effort.

Where do you feel most aware of your limitations right now and how could that actually be the place God wants to work through you?

6. Indwelling vs. Influence

The disciples received the Spirit, but they also waited to be clothed with power.

What's the difference in your life between believing the Spirit lives in you and actually depending on Him day to day? Where do you see that gap?

7. Witness Through Everyday Life

The Spirit empowers us to be witnesses, not performers.

Who is one person in your everyday life (work, school, neighborhood, family) that God may be inviting you to love, serve, or speak to through His Spirit this week?

Closing Question:

What would it look like this week to live *in* the Spirit the same way Jesus lived *by* the Spirit?