Ice Breaker

If you could have a personal guide for one area of your life (career, relationships, finances, health, etc.), which would you choose and why?

Sermon Summary

This sermon explored the Holy Spirit as the third person of the Trinity, focusing on His three primary roles: evangelist, guide, and comforter. The Holy Spirit convicts unbelievers of sin and points them to Jesus. For believers, He indwells us, guides our daily decisions, and transforms us to become more like Christ. The Holy Spirit doesn't give us a complete roadmap for life but sits in the passenger seat saying "drive—I'll tell you when to turn." He comforts us in suffering by reminding us that God wins, and He produces fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Group Questions

1. **What is one thing you got from the sermon?**

2. The sermon described the Holy Spirit as being "with you" when you're an unbeliever but "in you" when you're a believer. What does this distinction mean to you?

3. Dave shared that the Holy Spirit guides us one turn at a time rather than giving us a complete map. How does this reality challenge or comfort you? Share about a time when you had to trust God without seeing the full picture.

4. Three tests were given for discerning the Holy Spirit's voice: (1) Does it contradict Scripture? (2) Does it glorify God? (3) Does it align with your gifts? How have you used these tests in your own life? Which one do you find most challenging?

5. The sermon addressed periods of waiting when God seems silent. What are the three reasons this might happen? Have you experienced a season like this? How did you respond?

6. Richard Wurmbrand's story showed the Holy Spirit as comforter even in extreme persecution. How does the Holy Spirit comfort you in your current circumstances? What does it mean that "God wins" in your everyday struggles?

7. Look at the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23. Which fruit do you see growing in your life? Which one do you need the Holy Spirit to develop more?

8. The sermon warned against grieving or quenching the Holy Spirit. What does it look like practically to grieve or quench the Spirit in daily life? How can we avoid doing this?

Life Application

This week, practice listening to the Holy Spirit's guidance:

- Start each morning asking, "Holy Spirit, what do You want me to do today?"
- Before making decisions (big or small), run them through the three tests: Does it contradict Scripture? Does it glorify God? Does it align with my gifts?
- When you feel prompted to encourage someone, pray for someone, or take a specific action—obey quickly
- Keep a journal of moments when you sense the Holy Spirit's leading and how you responded

Scripture References

- John 16:7-11 (The Holy Spirit's coming and role)
- Romans 3:23 (All have sinned)
- Acts 8:26-29 (Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch)
- Revelation 12:12 (Satan's time is short)
- Revelation 20:10 (Satan's final defeat)
- Psalm 34:18 (God is close to the brokenhearted)
- Ephesians 4:30 (Do not grieve the Holy Spirit)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:19 (Do not quench the Spirit)
- Galatians 5:22-23 (Fruit of the Spirit)

Challenge

The Three Rules of Life Challenge: For the next seven days, commit to living by the three rules mentioned in the sermon:

1. Keep showing up
2. Keep doing what is right
3. Watch what God does in response

At the end of the week, share with someone in your group what God did as you remained faithful. Remember: faithfulness in the waiting seasons is what develops perseverance and character. Don't quit—keep pedaling and let the Holy Spirit lead.