



Forgotten God by Francis Chan

Why this study now? There are ____ Sundays in the Easter season. During this time, Jesus prepared His disciples to receive the Holy Spirit. These 50 days (from Passover to Pentecost) is an actual season of preparation!

Introduction

The Holy Spirit is God. The Holy Spirit is Lord. He is co-majestic, co-equal with the Father and the Son and is fully divine. And yet...It seems He is not mentioned as prominently as the Father or the Son. Why is that?

Is there a gap between what the Scriptures say about the Holy Spirit and what most believers and churches have to say and how they operate?

Exegesis vs. Eisegesis

Have you seen any examples of "eisegesis" ("to import a subjective, preconceived meaning into the text")? If so, give one example.

Week 1: I've Got Jesus. Why Do I Need The Spirit? (pgs. 15-41)

Key Verses :

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passion and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." - Galatians 5:22-25

Forgotten God: Week 1 Video

Discussion Questions:

Think about what you believe about the Holy Spirit and Christian living. Do you think that your beliefs are shaped more by Scripture, cultural tradition, or what other people have said? Why?

What does it mean when the Bible says that "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19-20) and that "he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever" (John 14:16)?

How are these truths significant to you?

Do you know someone who lives a Spirit-filled life? What does their life look like?

How is their life different from the life of a "nominal" Christian believer or an unbeliever who is a good person?

How dependent on the Holy Spirit are you? Explain.

What should distinguish someone who has the Spirit of God within them from the person who doesn't?

Your Notes: