



As we gear up for our upcoming retreat, we want to spend the next 40 days renewing and reorienting our hearts around the topic of being *Immeasurably More* in Christ and building the passion for this time together. Below are scriptures we have put together to prepare our hearts for this awesome time as the family of Christ.

### **40 Days of the Spirit**

- 1) **John 14:26-27** – How have you experienced the Holy Spirit 'teach' you? What happened? What is something you think the Holy Spirit may remind you today?
- 2) **Matthew 24:20-31** – How does this imagery ignite your imagination to the power of God and the Kingdom of Heaven? What words describe this scene to you? How would you like to be found in this scene?
- 3) **Luke 11:9-13** -Why does God want to give us his Spirit? Why does he make us ask?
- 4) **Romans 5:3-6** – What are some reasons we can feel shame/disappointed to have hope? Why does the Spirit make this hope possible?
- 5) **John 16:7** - Why would Jesus say it's better for us to have The Holy Spirit than Jesus himself with us? How does this influence how you see The Holy Spirit?
- 6) **John 14: 15-18** – Why is Counselor capitalized? How do we receive the Counselor forever? Is the Spirit of Truth the same as the Counselor? How do we access the Counselor/Spirit of Truth?
- 7) **John 6:63** – Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a question for this scripture.

- 8) John 16: 8-12** – What would the advocate say on your behalf today? How has Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection inspired you to righteousness?
- 9) Psalm 139: 7-12** – Reflect on the space where you tend to neglect God's presence and power in your life? How do the words of the Psalmist reveal the consistency of God? How does that inspire your faith?
- 10) Romans 8:22-28** - How might the Spirit be interceding in your life? In what ways are you weak that you can ask for the Spirit's help?
- 11) Ezekiel 36:26-27** – What is reassuring about having the Spirit help us keep God's commands? How have you noticed the Spirit have an impact on your heart?
- 12) Gal 6: 7-10** - What is the connection between sowing in the Spirit and doing good every day? What are ways you can sow in the Spirit today?
- 13) John 16: 13-16** – What is the Spirit making known to us? How does the Spirit guide us into all truth?
- 14) Romans 8:14-16** – How did the spirit first started leading you with Jesus? In what area do you need to be better led by the spirit? What is one way you can better be led today?
- 15) Matthew 17: 1-9** – Take a few minutes to imagine if you were in this moment. What would your response be? How might this change your faith and life? Reflect on the words of God in verse 5. How will you respond?
- 16) Romans 8:5-8** - What does the Spirit desire? How can you intentionally set your mind on those desires?
- 17) Ephesians 3:16-19** – How are some ways that we can be strengthened by the power of the Spirit? What do you perceive as the Spirit's riches?
- 18) Matthew 3:13-17** - Why is it significant that the Spirit came to Jesus and God was pleased with him before Jesus even started his ministry, preached a sermon made a disciple or performed a miracle? In the same way we are given the Spirit as a seal of approval (Eph 1:13) at baptism while we are sinners. How can this influence your daily relationship with God.
- 19) Acts 4:3** – What is the connection between prayer, the Holy Spirit and speaking boldly for God? Do you have examples in your life that you feel you were filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke boldly for God?

**20) Ephesians: 1:13** - How do you define the 'Gospel' of Christ? How would you describe the value of being God's Possession? What do you think it will be like to experience His eternal inheritance?

**21) Isaiah 61: 1-3** – How can you participate in the Kingdom work that includes the poor, brokenhearted and oppressed? How can you proclaim God's favor in those spaces? What does verse three reveals about God's faithfulness and love?

**22) John 15:26-27** - This scripture points toward partnership with the Spirit. What is your role and what is His?

**23) Galatians 5:22-25** What does it look like to you when the Spirit is helping to produce fruit? Is there any fruit that you want to grow in? Bonus question: if they were actual fruits what would they be?

**24) 2 Timothy 1:7** - God gave us a Spirit of boldness, love, and self-control. What are ways your insecure or maybe cowardly? How can knowing this scripture help you?

**25) Acts 1:7-8** – How does the Holy Spirit empower you to teach and preach about Him? Do you ask the Holy Spirit to help you teach and preach to others?

**26) Hebrews 10:26-31** - Why is God so passionate about the danger of continuing to deliberately sin? How has God's grace impacted you in your struggles against sin? What is the proper response to our sin based on the Bible? Where do you see that in the Bible?

**27) Jude 20-23** – Make a prayer list: 1. Give thanks for how God has revealed His love to you. 2. Praise God for the promised return of Jesus. 3. Ask God to reveal how you can help those who need to be snatched from the fire.

**28) Ephesians 4:30-32** - What might we do that grieves the Spirit? How does it change your perspective knowing Jesus is always with you?

**29) 1 Corinthians 3:16-17** – While initially a bit intense, how can we find encouragement through this passage? Why is it important to take care our our temples?

**30) Philippians 1:19** – When have you felt confident in a time of suffering knowing that Jesus was working in you?

**31) Titus 3:4-7** – How do you feel renewed by the Holy Spirit? Can you see a cross reference to Acts 2:38 and Titus 3:5?

**32) Hebrews 2:4** -What is a gift of the holy spirit God has given you? How do you use it? What vision or dream has God put on your heart utilizing the power of the holy spirit?

**33) Luke 4:14-16** – How does the spreading of the good news and teaching of the Kingdom empower people? Does the gospel bring you to praise? How would people in your life say you respond to God's good news?

**34) John 3:33-36** -What does it say about God that he gives the Spirit without limit? How might we be more in touch with the Spirit?

**35) Romans 8:1-2** – What do you think the law of the Spirit is? Is there comfort to be had in it?

**36) 1 Thessalonians 5:19-21** - This passage is a play by play of how to walk in-step with the Spirit: In what ways do you quench the Spirit? Why does the passage say *not to despise prophecies*? Do you believe that the Spirit will guide you as you test all Spirits as the Word says? (1 John 4:1)

**37-40) Each of these next 4 days, find 4 scriptures that really resonated with you. Take 10 minutes to journal about one of them each day, asking why they stood out to you, and how you can apply them to your walk with God.**

