

Recognizing the Holy Spirit

Mark 1:1-8

Like a compass pointing to true North, the Holy Spirit always _____ to _____. Whatever the Spirit does, under whatever circumstances, it is pointing to Jesus as “the Way, the Truth and the Life”.

Discussion 1. Who or what did the Holy Spirit use to point you to Jesus the first time? Have you ever stopped to recognize that as a work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Always, to the extent we “feel” under _____ and led to repentance of sin, this is the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Don’t miss this. It is one of the ways we recognize His presence in us.

Discussion 2. How would you describe the feelings that lead you to confession and to repentance? Have you ever stopped to recognize that as the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

In this world of identity politics, the work of the Holy Spirit is to cause Christ followers to transform our foundational identity from our politics or our feelings or our ethnicity over to our place in _____.

Discussion 3. What are some ways you might be able to tell if other “identities” are more foundational to you than being a Christ follower? Do you feel this transformation happening gradually in you? Have you ever stopped to recognize that as the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

The decision to follow Christ is just that: a decision. From that point of surrender forward, it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us that causes us to decrease and Christ to increase. Less of me. _____.

Discussion 4. Under what kinds of circumstances do you sometimes have to remind yourself that it’s not about you, that it’s about Jesus? Have you ever stopped to recognize that as the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?