

Hope Chapel Series: “Staying on the Path of Life” part 3

Message Summary: If life’s not working very well, God wants you to know... That the Holy Spirit is in you to lead and guide you. For that to be a reality, we must remove the hindrances that hinder the Holy Spirit. You can actually learn to hear and follow the Holy Spirit and the time to begin this adventure is today! This is the way to make life work! I want to try to take away some of the confusion with this issue. How do I learn to follow the Holy Spirit in my life so that I can make decisions that God will bless? How do I follow God’s internal navigational system to make life work?

Holy Spirit’s Role in Your Life

1. Understand the Holy Spirit’s Role

- A. Holy Spirit indwells every follower of Christ - 1 John 4:13**
- B. The Holy Spirit functions as our permanent Helper - John 14:16-17**
- C. The Holy Spirit acts as our truth Guide - John 16:13-14**

2. Remove the hindrances

- A. Sin hinders the Holy Spirit’s role in our life - Ephesians 4:30**
- B. Busyness hinders the Holy Spirit’s role in our life - 1 Thessalonians 5:19-22**
- C. Doubt hinders the Holy Spirit’s role in our life - James 1:5-6**
- D. Ignoring the Word of God hinders the Holy Spirit’s role in our life - Psalm 119:105**

3. Practice listening and following

- A. Acknowledge the voice of the Holy Spirit - 1 Samuel 3:10**
- B. Recognize the voice of the Holy Spirit - John 10:27-28**

How to recognize His voice

- You will hear His voice when you are quiet
- His voice will always be consistent with His word
- His voice will always produce peace / assurance / joy / comfort / conviction
- His voice always makes you want to be closer to Him – He attracts us to Him

- C. Act on the voice of the Holy Spirit - Galatians 5:25**

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups are on Summer Break*

OPEN IT (5min) - Share any experiences of hearing God speak to you. Share if this is a very strange or new concept to you.

EXPLORE IT (60min) – Review Sunday’s sermon outline and answer the following questions:

1. Discuss who the Holy Spirit is and His role in our lives.
2. Discuss each of the four hindrances to the Holy Spirit. Share any personal experiences how these have hindered your ability to hear the Holy Spirit in your life.
3. Share and discuss how we practice listening and following the Holy Spirit. Share any personal experiences.
4. Share the struggles in trying to discern the difference between your will and the will of the Holy Spirit.

APPLY IT (15min) - What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?