

Alive in the Spirit

Sunday, June 7, 2015

John 3:1-8

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- Born, Born again, Born of the Spirit
- Four Ideas to Ponder

Mystery

Influence of Spirit

- Hard to Describe – Images and Word Pictures
- But the Influence is Evident, Visible

John 3:8

Life

Birth is the Beginning of Life

- Presence of Spirit linked to Life
- The Spirit gives Life (Joh 6:63; 2Co 3:6)
- We live by the Spirit (Gal 5:25)
- Breathe Life Into Genesis 2:7; John 20:21–22

Child

Experience God's Fatherly Love

- The Message
- The Experience
- Spirit of Adoption Romans 8:14–16; Galatians 4:4–7

Struggle

Rom 8:18-27

- The beginning of life is traumatic
- Individual and Corporate Groaning
- Deeply linked to presence of Spirit

O Holy Spirit

We want to Live!

Small Group Guide

Kicking off your Time Together

Ice Breaker

Go around the circle, introduce yourselves, and answer this question: How can you tell if something is alive?

Opening Prayer

Have one or two open in prayer asking God to be present and to direct your time.

What Did you Bring?

Did you bring anything to share to encourage the group? (consider 1 Cor 14:26 as the pattern for this part of the meeting)

Read John 3:1-8; Rom 8:14-16; Gal 4:4-7

Have people read these two passages.

Discuss a few of these questions:

If you were asked what being “born again” meant, what would you reply? How could you draw on the ideas in these passages to answer the question?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in the two “Abba” passages just read?

Share your experience with the Holy Spirit. In the past. Right now. Have you experienced what these passages speak of?

Pray for Each Other

In light of all that has been shared, pray for each other. You may want to share specific requests.