

## Message Notes

### Engaging the Holy Spirit Our Transformer

#### Session 2: Engaging the Spirit of Jesus—The Spirit and Our Spirit

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#### 1. Jesus, the *man of the Spirit*, a real model for human spirituality.

a. Phases in the “career” of the God-man.

- mortal-man Jesus (Romans 8:3),
- resurrected-man Jesus (Acts 1:3), and
- scary and shiny, exalted-man Jesus (Revelation 1:12-17)!

b. Mortal-man Jesus and the Spirit.

Jesus of Nazareth, dependent upon the Spirit, and then later

Jesus Christ, sender of the Spirit (Romans 1:4; 1 Timothy 3:16; Acts 2:33).

#### 2. Jesus, the *man of the Spirit*, in prayer—patterns for us.

a. Jesus’ language in prayer. Is it significant that “Abba-talk” arises in Jesus’ *prayer*? (Mark 14:36).

*Abba* means "dearest father"

b. The Spirit teaches us “Trinitarian,” the language of God the Father, Son and the Spirit. Romans 8:15; Galatians 4:6.

c. What is the Spirit doing when we pray? (Romans 8:26-27).

Translation? —yes, some, but also ....

transformation! (but more on this next time!)

## **Growth Group Questions**

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1. Give a quick example of a time this past week when you sensed the need for God's help.

2. Consider Jesus as an example of human spirituality. Aside from neglecting to understand Jesus' human relationship with the Spirit, what is the problem with giving Jesus a "God card" where human spirituality is concerned? Are there practices or abilities in Jesus' spiritual life that we consider impossible for us to emulate because we are not divine like he was? On what basis would such distinctions between Jesus and us be legitimate? ...not be legitimate?

3. Reflect a moment on the idea that all of God's children *speaks his language* (Trinitarian). What does this say to your heart about your relationship with God?

4. Read 1 Corinthians 2:12. As the Spirit is the one responsible to deepen our understanding of our 'graced' position in Christ, take a moment or two and reflect on his handiwork in your life lately. What aspect of your identity or position in Christ has the Spirit deepened for you cognitively and emotionally recently? What was the context of this experience? Were you reading Scripture? Were you speaking with another believer? Etc.?

5. Review the Spirit's role in prayer discussed from Romans 8:26-27. What was meant in describing his role as both translating and transforming during prayer from this passage? [Why was it considered unlikely that this text is speaking of the Spirit's gift of tongues?] Do you generally consider your times of prayer as times of your own transformation? Would the likelihood of this possibility change your approach to prayer in any way?

6. Keeping in mind the things discussed earlier about the Spirit's transforming work in our lives, spend some time praying for one another.