



Led By The Spirit | Ronnie Johnson | 8.23.20  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**If you had to eat one meal every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

SHARE

Welcome to Week Two of Kingdom Culture. Two thousand years ago, Jesus started the process of bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to earth. In this series, we are talking about what it means to continue the process. This week, Ronnie talked about Being Led By The Spirit. But before we dive in, take some time to check in with your Group by having everyone answer these questions:

**What was the high point of your week?**

**What was the low point of your week?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?**

**What is the most inspirational thing you saw or learned this week?**

GROW

**Read Romans 8:1-11**

**What do you know about the context of this passage? Who is writing? Who is he writing to?**

**Which verse stuck out to you from this passage?**

Last week Shawn introduced Kingdom Culture. Remember, Kingdom is God's presence on this earth, and Culture is a specific way of walking and talking. When we put those two words together, we get a great reminder that our calling is to carry God's Kingdom with us wherever we go. Our job is to walk and talk like Jesus's followers. We are agents, called to bring slices of heaven down to earth everywhere we go!

But let's be honest, that isn't always easy. This week, Ronnie talked about the animating force that empowers us to build a Kingdom Culture, The Holy Spirit. Now, depending on what type of church experiences you've had in the past, there may be a lot of different opinions about the Holy Spirit. Before we go any further, take some time to talk about the Spirit with your Group.

**What do you know about the Holy Spirit? Who is the Holy Spirit? What is the role of the Holy Spirit?**

**Why do you think it is so important to talk about the Holy Spirit?**

The Holy Spirit is the helper, the advocate, the one who empowers us to move forward. On the night that he was arrested, Jesus gave his disciples a final pep talk. During the conversation, he told them he would, "ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth" (John 14:16-17).

As Ronnie reminded us this week, without the Holy Spirit, we are like a car with no gasoline. A vehicle that doesn't have gas is still a vehicle, but it can't go anywhere. However, when The Holy Spirit is alive in you, the sky is the limit! God has amazing plans for your life, but without God's Spirit, we will never be the man or woman God desires us to be.

In the passage you read, Paul reminds us: And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

The same Spirit that raised Jesus is alive and living in you! Think about that for a second. Too often, as Christians, we walk around defeated, feeling like we will never amount to anything. We convince ourselves that we will never break that addiction, get that promotion, or beat that illness. But we need to change our mindset. The truth is, the Spirit of the living God is living inside of you. As Ronnie reminded us this week, "When you have a big view of God, you will see big activity of His Spirit in your life!"

**Have you ever made a decision you felt was "led by the Spirit"? If so, how did it go? What was the outcome?**

**Do you believe that the Spirit of God lives in you? If so, how does that change your outlook on the rest of your week?**

M O V E

**Read Galatians 5:13-26**

**Why do you think Paul uses the imagery of fruit to talk about the Holy Spirit?**

The best way for our church to establish a Kingdom Culture is for everyone to be led by the Spirit. However, sometimes it can be challenging to know if we are doing that effectively. Fortunately, we can use a simple test to identify when we are walking in step with the Spirit. Jesus says, "you will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:16).

In the passage you just read, Paul gives us a list of the fruit we will produce when we are walking in the Spirit. Fruit is a natural process of having all the right resources. Fruit trees don't have to try really hard to bear fruit, that's just what a healthy fruit tree does. When we let God guide our lives, we will bear fruit. Our job is to be led by the Spirit and let the fruit come naturally!

So how do we know if our life is in line with the Spirit? All we have to do is look for these qualities in our life:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience  
Kindness  
Goodness  
Faithfulness  
Gentleness  
Self-Control

**Which of those nine fruits is the most difficult for you?**

**Which of those nine fruits comes most natural for you?**

**What is one tangible step you can take to be led by the Spirit this week?**

The fruit of the Spirit is a sign of a Kingdom Culture. When the Spirit leads the church, we become the most loving, joyful, and peaceful people on the planet. Everyone wants to be around them! That's why the bible says, "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). Let's practice being those people this week by completing this week's take-home assignment together.

**Take-Home Assignment: Repeat, Repeat, Repeat**

One practical way to be led by the Spirit is to remind yourself that the Spirit is alive and working in your life throughout your day. Since it can be easy to forget, it's important to remind yourself repeatedly. Here is a practical way to do that.

Set three alarms on your phone. One in the morning, another in the afternoon, and one in the evening. Every time your alarm goes off, stop whatever you are doing and recite 2 Corinthians 3:17 out loud.

**2 Corinthians 3:17:** *Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

Remind yourself that the Spirit of God lives inside you, say a quick prayer of gratitude, and continue on with your day!

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate calls to share more freely.

T O G O

*"Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."*

- Galatians 5:25