



We Are Temples of The Holy Spirit | Ryan Wekenman | 6.27.21

Weekly Study

START

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

**Have you ever been mistaken for someone famous? If so, who?**

SHARE

Welcome to Week Five of our series We Are \_\_\_\_\_! In this collection of talks, we are talking about who we are. We always want to figure out what we are supposed to do, but the truth is, if we know who we are, we will know what to do! This week, we talked about what it means to be temples of the Holy Spirit. But before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**What is one word you would use to describe how you currently feel? Why did you pick that word?**

**What was the highlight of your week? What was the most challenging part of your week?**

**What was the most inspirational conversation you had this week?**

For a lot of you, this is one of your first times meeting as a Group. If this is one of your first meetings, we want to give you all a chance to get to know each other a little more by sharing

your life story. Although this can be scary, it is one of the most fruitful things your Group can do. Pick two-three people from your Group this week and have them answer the following questions.

- 1. Tell me about your upbringing. What are a few of the significant life events that shaped and molded you?**
- 2. Have you ever had a moment where you realized God is real and loves you? If so, tell us about it.**
- 3. How have you changed in the last five years?**
- 4. Describe yourself in five words and explain why you picked each one.**
- 5. Who is God to you?**

Every person has a unique journey they have been on that has led them to this point. Taking the time to share your story is a fantastic exercise for you and for everyone listening!

GROW

**Read 1 Corinthians 3:10-16**

**Jesus is our sure and firm foundation. How does that wisdom from this passage resonate with Ryan's message from Sunday?**

**In what ways does the Holy Spirit comfort, counsel, and commission you to live out your purpose?**

As Believers, our foundation to build on is Jesus Christ only. We start by doing so with the Holy Spirit, who comforts, counsels, and commissions. Once we receive Jesus, we are given the ultimate source and knowledge that propels us into our purpose. As Doug said a week ago, "Identity leads to action, and when you know who you are, you'll know what to do."

Both Ryan and the apostle Paul remind us this week that the Holy Spirit no longer lives in temples but inside of those who place their faith in Jesus. This means that we bring Holy ground wherever we are. We bring the Spirit of the living God in our workplace, communities, other people's homes, etc. We bring favor and blessings for others, not because of what we've done but because of who we are. Because of what He's done and the work accomplished on the cross, which continues the work in us.

Because of the Holy Spirit, we can be comforted to endure, counseled to get better, and commissioned to move forward. When we build on that foundation and walk that out, we can be sure that the other prodigals will see the Father.

**The Holy Spirit lovingly convicts us into a better way. In what way or ways has the Holy Spirit been convicting or counseling you recently?**

**How did both Ryan's message and this passage help you understand the Holy Spirit better?**

Move

**Read Matthew 27:45-51**

**What stands out to you from reading this passage?**

*Matthew 27:46 About three in the afternoon, Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eli, Eli,<sup>[a]</sup> lema sabachthani?" (which means "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?")*

**Have you ever felt like God has forsaken you?**

In this passage, Jesus cried out to God, "...why have you forsaken me?" Can you relate? Jesus experienced all the things you felt, including feeling abandoned by God, if only for a moment. After this, Jesus' last words were "...It is finished" (John 19:30). The end result is Jesus being the ultimate sacrifice who died for our sins.

In the Old Testament, sacrifices were made to atone for sins, God dwelled in the temple in the holy of holies, and only the high priest could access it once a year. As Ryan mentioned in his sermon, the moment Jesus took his last breath on the cross is when old things passed away. Gone are the days where we can only access God once a year; we are now temples of the Holy Spirit. When you go anywhere, you bring the holy spirit with you!

**This week, we talked about the Spirit playing the role of comforter, counselor, and commissioner. Which of those three words stuck out to you the most? Why?**

#### 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 groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

#### T O G O

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

- Matthew 28:19-20