



## Discussion Guide

Feb 11 - Feb 18/2018 **Week 15**

# The Gospel and the Holy Spirit

**Pastor Larry's Notes from Jim Cynbala's Message to remind us. Feel Free to use parts as discussion points**

### Can't put God in a box

- Antioch becomes center of missionary church
- decline in christianity 5 polls, 9-6% of U.S. call themselves evangelical
- 1200/month quit reading the bible
- 1500/month pastors leave min
- What was God's Intent for us !
  - What did God intend our ministry to look like
  - Cor 13 &14 gifts
- Barnabus and Paul set asides by the Holy Spirit. Father to the Son to The Holy Spirit to those called.
- **Ordinary believers pulled/ called out through Prayer, Worship and teaching**
- *How do you feel about this approach to finding and raising up Full time people for Christian Service? How do we normally do it?*
- Why don't we do more of this approach?*
- If we see people as God sees them & Feel what they feel then the Holy Spirit will guide and empower you. / us
- **How do we see people?** Do we see their spirit?
- **Concept of the church-** it's Called to live for Jesus not a service once a week.
- do we recognize our calling?
- Pray to raise Leaders- our doors must be open to every one.
- We need to see people as God does.
- Preach/minister to people where they are. - girls recruited to gangs- how do we minister to them?

## - Open In Prayer

### Announcements:

**Pre Service Prayer** Sundays @ 9:50am.

**Set Free Seminars Feb 23-24** - Get ready to let loose those things that hinder your walk with the Holy Spirit

**Last Weeks Key point:** Only in the Holy Spirit can one hope to become all God desires one to be or be whom He originally intended us to be. We miss God's intent because we seek the honor of men instead of the honor of God. This is why we ignore the Holy Spirit.

**Follow up and review last weeks** What was it about?

What stood out? What Impact did it have on you, at work, with your family

**Sermon From Right Now Media Pastor Jim Cymbala - Gospel and the Holy Spirit** You May want to watch this with your Group and then lead the discussion.

<https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Training/Post/View/73829>

**This Weeks Passages Read aloud:** *Acts 13:1-12*

**This Weeks Key point:** God will open doors for us if we seek to do His will. Jim said, "There's stuff we can do, and then there's stuff God can do." Let's allow God to use us exactly as we are, and say the words Jim challenged us to say, "God, here I am. You take it from here."

Acts 13:1 Notice the "band of brothers" exemplifying the unifying influence of Christianity. How diversified is our church? \_\_\_\_\_

How diversified is your sphere of influence? What does that mean. Take a quick survey of your self and the group and ask how diverse are you in your relationships , work , downtime activities? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this influence how you approach ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

Who do you meet regularly with and how does working with people with different backgrounds help you accomplish the work God has called us to do? \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Jim encouraged us to see people the way God sees them and feel for them the way that God feels. How do you see the people around you at work, at your kids school , The people you interact with on a daily weekly basis? \_\_\_\_\_

How does this differ from the way you have approached other believers who have a different doctrine from you?

What can you do today to change how you love those who oppose you? \_\_\_\_\_

Jim said most American Christians are content with just coming to church once a week rather than truly being laborers in the harvest. Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not? \_\_\_\_\_  
 What can you do to help those in your church see themselves unified, as laborers for God? \_\_\_\_\_

### KEY MASTER POINT OF TODAY'S DISCUSSION

- Pray that doors may open
- The Proconsul called for them to come and share.
- **If God opens the Door There will ALWAYS BE Opposition.**
- Simon Bar Jesus.
- Are you ready for opposition?
- **"IF YOU ARE NOT IN A FIGHT - YOU ARE NOT DOING IT RIGHT!"**
- Fight the good fight. The Holy Spirit will ALWAYS guide and give us what to say and do. We don't need notes.
- **Are you ready?** do you have a one minute testimony. Can you share the basics of your faith and why you continue to worship and serve Him?
- Keep on being filled Acts 6 - its an ongoing lifestyle.
- is Jesus just a concept or do you really know him.  
How do you "know" that?
- We need the Holy Spirit to work in our lives.
- **HOUSE PRAYER.** Do we really believe in Prayer. the bible promises of prayer. Why is it such a non primary function in our church lives.
- do we really "depend" on the Holy Spirit. Pastor Jim says he doesn't need notes.
- **GOD Will Use YOU** to Spread the Gospel. God will use your talents, gifts, the way you are to reach out. Are you willing to be used - See what HE sees, All your world
- God is looking for people who desire **TO GET IT ON!**
- What does God want to do with you.
- Depress /defeated? - don't go under - Go Over. Resist the devil.

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Have you had an experience where GOD has opened the Door that you would want to share with the Group. \_\_\_\_\_

Are we ready, what hinders us? \_\_\_\_\_  
What Can we do to really prepare to be used by God to reach those around us? \_\_\_\_\_

What Part does listening to the Holy Spirit play in Opening Doors?

Do we pray for open Doors? \_\_\_\_\_  
How can we be aware of an open door? \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Jim stressed the importance of Prayer. Of our churches being Houses of Prayer.

Why are mostly not? Give 5 reasons why not.

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_ 4) \_\_\_\_\_ 5) \_\_\_\_\_

Can you list what would motivate us to be more of a house of Prayer?

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Here are a few results of Prayer:

Isaiah 52:1 Result: \_\_\_\_\_, Zech 10:2-12 Result: \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 6:17 Result: \_\_\_\_\_, 2 Corinthians 3:17, Isaiah

52:2 Result: \_\_\_\_\_, Isaiah 52:3 Result: \_\_\_\_\_, 1

Chronicles 4:10 Result: \_\_\_\_\_,

Isaiah 58:11 Result: \_\_\_\_\_

Are we really open to "Gettin it on?" as in, Do we really see ourselves in a fight? \_\_\_\_\_

If we are honest do we really want to? Why not? \_\_\_\_\_

Are We ready? \_\_\_\_\_ What can we do to be ready? \_\_\_\_\_  
Because if we are truly followers of Jesus The Christ we should be!

**What Does GOD want to do with You?!**

Trust and Obey for there is NO Other way...

**LIVE IT:** Reflecting on what the Holy Spirit has /is revealing to you, **Go around the group and ask this question?**

As we reflect upon this discussion and video message. What is the impression you are left with, what stirred you heart? What do you need from us to encourage you to follow through?

**Have the group have a prayer time to conclude the discussion:**

**Ask each person to be still and Ask the Holy Spirit:** For you personally, what **do you need to adjust** in your life to do about what he is revealing in todays discussion? ?

Who **will you allow** to hold you accountable to this?

Get them to write out what God is saying to them for reference and Accountability later.

**Then continue in your Group prayer time.**