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The Power to Be Better Together

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We are only better together when each of lets God's Holy Spirit work in and through our lives.

"Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" "No," they replied, "we haven't even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Acts 19:1-2

The Spirit is the transcendent, omnipresent spiritual and localizable presence of God's personality and power, living in and divinely empowering all of God's true people in diverse and incomplete ways that foreshadow their complete, future renewal at the end of the age. -Craig Blomberg

It is the real presence of God in the life of a true Christ follower.

God has placed his mark of ownership upon us: the Holy Spirit in our hearts as the guarantee of all that he has in store for us. 2 Corinthians 1:22 (GNT)

We are better together when the Holy Spirit works through each one of us.

Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. -1 Corinthians 12:7

It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. 1 Corinthians 12:8-11

We are better together when the Holy Spirit works IN each one of us.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Galatians 5:22-23

We are better together when the Holy Spirit burns in each one of us.

Do not smother the Holy Spirit. 1 Thessalonians 5:19

Talk it Over! For my thoughts and LifeGroup*

Talk about all the ways Jesus' church differs from every other social, political, or benevolent organization. How important is Jesus church in God's plan?

How would you describe the Holy Spirit to a new believer in Jesus?

Talk together about your experience with the Holy Spirit. How have you known He is present? How have you seen His work?

Read 1 Corinthians 12:1-27. How does this help you understand spiritual gifts better and the role of the Holy Spirit in the body of Christ?

What do you see as your part in the body of Christ?

Now read 1 Corinthians 13:1-8,13. How does that speak to you about the church, the Holy Spirit, spiritual gifts, and yourself?

*A LifeGroup is a group of people who are committed to loving each other and growing through times like these. For more information, connect with Pastor Len at len@marinerscc.org