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■ Talk III: The Spirit

Introduction: Word or Spirit?

DISCUSS IN GROUPS

How do Word and Spirit work together ...

- in creation (Psalm 33:6) [N.B. in Hebrew, breath = spirit]?
- in re-creation (John 3:5-6; 1 Peter 1:23)?
- in building up the church (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:18-19)?

How do Word and Spirit fit together (John 6:63; Acts 1:8; 1:16; 4:31 1 Thess 1:4-6)?

Word and Spirit work together to reveal Jesus

The Spirit points to Jesus ...

DISCUSS IN GROUPS

Look up John 14:15-18, 25-26; 15:26; 16:7-11, 12-15. What is the relationship between Son and Spirit? What is the relationship between Spirit and Word?

'The Spirit's message to us is never, "Look at me; listen to me; come to me; get to know me," but always, "Look at him, and see his glory, listen to him, and hear his word; go to him, and have life; get to know him, and taste his gift of joy and peace." (Jim Packer)

... by inspiring the Word (which points to Jesus)

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- ➤ Implication I:Authority
- ➤ Implication II: Inerrancy
- ➤ Implication III: Sufficiency (2 Timothy 3:16; 2 Peter 1:3)

What about prophecy?

Acts 2:16-18

Acts 21:10-11 (cf. Acts 9:16)

I Corinthians 14:3-4

DISCUSS IN GROUPS

Look up Psalm 19:7-11. Underline the things the Spirit's book does for us (e.g, v7 it 'refreshes the soul'). Spend some time reflecting on what it would be like if you didn't have the Spirit's book in your life.

