

July-Aug. 6/7,
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When the Supernatural Becomes Natural Introduction

OVERVIEW

This July we began a five-month series on the Holy Spirit. Part 1 focuses on the person of the Holy Spirit, the one who makes the supernatural possible. Starting mid-August, Part 2 will focus on prayer, the language of the supernatural. Starting September 11th, we kick off Part 3 of this series at Bankers Life Fieldhouse for our 25th Anniversary, and continue to explore what the supernatural looks like for individuals, our church and community till the end of October. If you have missed any of the sermons this summer, take the time to listen to them online.

- July 9-10: Introduction
- July 16-17: Understanding the Holy Spirit
- July 23-24: The Greatest Revival in History
- July 30-31: Baptized by the Holy Spirit
- Aug. 6-7: Walking in the Spirit

OUR POSTURE

It's essential as we take this exploration of the Holy Spirit into our groups, we come with a posture of openness and humility. Just using the terms "supernatural" or "mystical" raises eyebrows, because the Christian experience of so many has been greatly influenced by rationalism. But the truth is, we worship a God who IS supernatural and mystical, and His desire is to bring ALL the resources of Heaven to further His mission in the natural world until one day He returns.

- What are you looking forward to in this series?
- What questions do you have?

Are we in agreement to have a posture of openness and humility throughout this series?

READ JOHN 14:15-19, 25-27, 16:5-14

The disciples had their own questions when Jesus told them He was going away.

- How does Jesus introduce the Holy Spirit?
- How will the Spirit help them?
- If you were one of the disciples, what assurance would this give you?
- How was this a game-changer for them? For us?

"May our desire to experience more of the Holy Spirit be our starting point. And may we open our hearts and lives to His presence and action more fully than we have ever done before."

Francis Chan, Forgotten God

MAKING IT REAL

- What role does the Holy Spirit play in your life now? How would you like to see that change?
- What do you need or want from the Holy Spirit? For you? Our group? Our church?

PRAYER TOGETHER

Based on what you shared, take these desires and requests to God. You can even pray directly to the Holy Spirit, since He is God. Try this guided prayer by taking these one at a time.

Holy Spirit, thank you for...

Holy Spirit, help me today to...

Holy Spirit, I want more of you in my life because...

Holy Spirit, lead our group to...

Holy Spirit, move in our church to...