



When in Rome | Life in the Spirit
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START TALKING | (Find a conversation starter for your group)

Ben told us this weekend about an adventure he had wakeboarding. Tell us about the last adventure you had or an adventure you would still like to have.

START EXPLORING | (Read the Bible)

Ben introduced us to a list of what the Holy Spirit does in our lives. Let's get our Bibles open and look up the Holy Spirit's job description. As we read these passages try to answer this question, "Has the Holy Spirit recently been working in me in one of these areas?"

(You don't have to look up all 11 passages)

- a. Regenerates us (John 3:6-7)
- b. Convicts us (John 16:8)
- c. Empowers us with gifts (1 Cor. 12:4-7)
- d. Testifies in our hearts that we are God's children (Gal. 4:6)
- e. Leads us (Gal. 5:18, 25)
- f. Makes us fruitful (Gal. 5:22-23)
- g. Grants and nurtures in us resurrection life (Rom. 8:11)
- h. Enables us to kill sin (Rom. 8:13)
- i. Intercedes for us when we don't know what to pray (Rom. 8:26-27)
- j. Guides us into truth (John 16:13)
- k. Transforms us into the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18)

(credit: Dane Ortlund, *Gentle and Lowly*)

- When you read of everything the Holy Spirit does for us, how does that impact the way you view the role of the Holy Spirit in your life?



START SHARING | (Choose a question to create openness)

Using a three-legged stool as a metaphor, Ben taught there are three legs of spiritual life: the Holy Spirit, empowered effort, and empowered community.

- Of the three legs, which leg is the strongest in your life?
- Which needs the most attention?
- How do each of these three "legs" empower us to live differently in our "Rome."
 - Why?

Start Praying. (Be bold and pray with power)

How can we pray for you in relation to this teaching and what we have discussed today?

Start Doing. (Commit to a step, and live it out this week)

Do you have a next step in your spiritual growth? How can we as a group encourage and support you in that?