

WEEK 3

JUNE 25, 2023

Life Group Curriculum

Accused: Resistant

1

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY

God Encounters:
Share some way
you saw God
interact in your
life this week.

2

MEMORY VERSE

John 14:15-18

3

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 7:51

*Without the Spirit of
God, we can do nothing.
We are as ships without
wid. We are useless.*

Charles Spurgeon

*Fasting deals with the
two great barriers to the
Holy Spirit that are
erected by man's carnal
nature. These are the
stubborn self-will of the
soul and the insistent
self-gratifying appetites
of the body.*

Derek Prince

*The Holy Spirit cannot
conquer the world with
unbelief, nor can He
save the world with a
worldly Church. He calls
for a crusade, a
campaign, and an
adventure of saving
passion. For this
enterprise He wants a
separated, sanctified
and sacrificial people."*

Samuel Chadwick

Discussion Questions

1. Read the verse. What does it mean to you to be "resistant to the Holy Spirit?"
2. Stephen is calling these religious leaders (and us) to repentance. What is he calling us to? (What is the opposite of being "resistant to the Holy Spirit"?)
3. Read the following verses and answer the following questions: Isaiah 63:10; Eph. 4:30; Mark 3:29; Matthew 12:31; Luke 12:10; Hebrews 10:29; 1 Thessalonians 5:19; Galatians 5:17.
4. What does it mean to "grieve" the Holy Spirit? Why is it so important not to do that?
5. What does Stephen's statement that they "reject" the Holy Spirit imply about the way the Holy Spirit works?
6. What is the opposite of rejecting the Holy Spirit? What does that look like?
7. In what ways do you need to submit to the Holy Spirit?



Questions to ask when reading the Bible

Sometimes when we read a passage in the Bible it can be confusing or we may not know how to best figure out what it is saying. Below are some good questions to ask when reading the Bible to help make the Bible make sense.

1. What stands out to me?

Note that this does not say "What does this passage mean?" Consider what stood out to you? What did you notice? What did the Holy Spirit highlight for you as you read it?

2. What does the text say about the character/nature of God?

The Scriptures are primarily about God so ask first what the text says about Him before moving to what it says about us, about His plan, or about anything else.

3. What does the text say?

Look at what the text literally says first (this may not be the intent of the text but it is important to look at it as read... at least initially).

4. How is it saying it?

What is the genre of the text and how should we read text in that genre?

5. Why does it say it that way?

Speculate about why the author chose this method of saying what they've said.

6. What is it trying to say?

Getting behind the Scripture, looking at its context, its original audience, its author, etc., what is the text trying to get across to the reader (both the original audience and us today?)

7. How does this fit into the whole of the book and the whole of Scripture?

Looking at the whole book, does what is being said jive with the whole book, with the whole of Scripture?

8. What questions do I have?

Do you have questions about the text? If they aren't answered in the text, are they good questions or are we asking questions that the text isn't meant to answer?

9. How do I feel about this teaching/text? Why do I feel that way?

What does your gut say? Are you frustrated with it? Are you trying to make it say something else than what it says? Does it make you uncomfortable? Where are these feelings coming from? Is there sin in my life I need to repent of?

10. What is the universal application of this text/teaching?

What are we to do with this text? Consider the original audience as well as us today.

11. What is my personal application?

What is God calling you to apply with what you've learned with this text?

12. How will I apply what it calls me to?

Make a plan to apply what God has taught you. Seek to be faithful and obedient to His