

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Defense, part 10, Nov 24, 2019

1. Read Ephesians 5:18-20 (NCV)

2. List the one negative and three positive commands found in Ephesians 5:18-20

Negative:

Positive:

Positive:

Positive:

3. Read Romans 8:16. One of the first things we need to understand about the Holy Spirit, He is as much a person as God the Father and God the Son. Because of the name "Spirit", many people consider Him just to be an _____ and not an actual, living _____. Discuss.

4. Jesus gives us a descriptive name for the Holy Spirit in John 14:26 (CSB). The Holy Spirit is our Counselor. What does that mean to you?

5. Read 1 Corinthians 3:16. It's by the Holy Spirit that God dwells within the Christian. Did you know that the church building is not the House of God? It's the place that we gather to worship God, but it is not the sanctuary. It is not the temple. You are. How does that make you feel?

6. Read Mark 3:29 (CSB) What does it mean to blaspheme against the Holy Spirit?

7. The Holy Spirit gives spiritual gifts for the common good of the body. The Holy Spirit gives us those gifts, to teach us to grow, learn and serve together. There are different gifts given, but they all come from the same Spirit. In the New Testament, there are 4 lists of gifts. Each list is a little different, which I believe shows that the intention is not to be specific and dogmatic. Read 1 Corinthians 12:8-11 (NCV).

8. Each Christian receives at least one spiritual gift, some more. You'll notice all through this list, he says, "He gives one person and then He gives another." No one receives all the gifts. There is not one gift that everyone receives. The teaching that you must have a certain gift to be Spirit-filled or to be a Christian is just not true. Discuss.

9. You just make sure that your spiritual gifts are used for the common good of the church and the kingdom of God and "Not to toot your own spiritual horn."
Read 1 Corinthians 12:31. (NCV)

What is "the best was of all?"