



Roadmaps for the Wind

Understanding the Holy Spirit

Date

Spiritual Models

- ❖ We will be looking at how people behave and what people do to interact with the Holy Spirit
- ❖ Circle of Sensibility
- ❖ Bi-Modal Consciousness
- ❖ Phasic Spirituality and Life's Big Questions
- ❖ Spiritual Modes

What Do We Mean

- ❖ Spirituality - the interaction of Spirit with spirit
- ❖ Spiritual Formation - The transformative influence the Holy Spirit exerts upon the heart of a person so that the person is empowered to live like Christ
 - ❖ Sanctification
 - ❖ Christian growth or maturity

What Do We Mean

- ❖ Spiritual Formation is the process of being conformed into the image of Christ for the sake of others.

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Invitation to a Journey: A Roadmap for Spiritual Formation

Why People Change

- ❖ When we face crisis, failure and change
 - ❖ We face things we cannot control
- ❖ When we are astonished
 - ❖ We face something we cannot explain
- ❖ When our community confronts us
 - ❖ Either through the quality of life of the community or through direct rebuke
- ❖ When we acquire a vision of things that could be if we were to embrace discipline

The Holy Spirit and Change

- ❖ The Spirit of God can do what we cannot do
- ❖ “And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.” -- Ezekiel 36:26

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- ❖ Some of God's work happens while we are not actively trying to grow, but merely holding on
- ❖ For at least some of God's work, he expects us to be cooperative in our own formation

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What is happening when He leads me?

What does this process look like?

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What does one do in order to engage in these processes? How do I walk by the Spirit? How do I set my mind on the Spirit or live by the Spirit?

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My work is not the only factor
- I'm not on my own

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Work is happening at the levels
of both action and desire

Engagement and Empowerment

- ❖ Overly simplified way to understand how we do this
- ❖ Engagement with God is transformative - He builds peace into us when we interact with Him
- ❖ Learning habits of engagement with the Spirit provides us with crisis tools - at times of crisis, we will do what we have practiced
- ❖ If we are prepared to engage while in the trouble point, we are open to the influence of God at significantly transformative times

Spiritual Models

Spiritual Models help us to think about how we participate in working on our salvation with God through engagement with the Spirit