

w/b 15th September 2019 THEME – HOLY SPIRIT – PERSON, PRESENCE, POWER.

INTRODUCTION / THE PART HE PLAYS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT. LIFE APPLICATION

LAUNCH & GENERAL QUESTIONS

Have you ever gone and done something and realised you were not properly equipped? What was the job? What tools were you missing? How did you feel?

Think about a key influence in your life many years ago. Who were they? How did they help you? How have you changed as a result of their influence?

If you were asked to explain to someone about the Trinity & Holy Spirit's role within it, how would you do this? Does ice – water – steam help as an illustration? In what way?

Removing 'the' from 'Holy Spirit' may seem a bit contrived but helps us to understand him as a person not a force. How should knowing he is a person change our attitude towards him?

HIS ROLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT (DISCOVERY & UNDERSTANDING)

CREATION

Read Genesis 1:1-4, Job 26:13-14 What is his role in the creative process? How does an appreciation of his role affect your perception of him?

MAINTAINING & SUSTAINING LIFE

The modern world would like us to believe that God doesn't exist or stands at a distance. What arguments does it use so we believe this lie?

Read Psalm 105:27 -30 & Isaiah 32 14-15 How do these scriptures reveal that Holy Spirit is intimately involved in the processes of life?

With his person in us linked to the fact that he is the author and sustainer of life, the sermon on Sunday suggested that we had a major role to play in bringing life to the places that God has called us to live and work in. Do you agree with this statement and if so what is your calling?

Genesis 6:3 talks about the Spirit 'striving' with sinners when a society is not walking in step with him. What does this mean and what are the effects in our society today?

SPECIFIC GIFTS FOR SPECIFIC TASKS

Holy Spirit came upon certain warriors, judges, priests and kings in the Old Testament. See Joshua (Numbers 27:18), Othniel (Judges 3:10), Gideon (Judges 6:34) & Samson (Judges 13:25 & 14:6)

What was the task, what was the call & what was the enhancement that the individual needed?

Have you ever felt equipped by the Spirit for a specific task that you were called to?

What is God calling you to at the moment and what does his Spirit need to give you so you are equipped?

APPLICATION

Pray for some of the spaces that you live and work in

Pray for specific calling and specific gifting

Scriptures sourced from Thomas Nelson bibles overview of Holy Spirit in the OT (excellent).

Questions are original