



Hill Cliffe Study Guide Sunday 29 May 2022



Discussion Starter:

Sometimes I can treat the Holy Spirit like a dragon from Dragons' Den – asking Him to help me with His resources and skills and contacts to open doors – for a 10% stake in the business of my life. Rather than realizing that I have been given a 100% stake in God's Family business, and I am permitted to partner with God.

1. Discuss...

Please read John 14.12-17, John 15.26-27, John 16.8 and Acts 1.3-8

2. What (as described here by Jesus) is the purpose of our partnership with the Holy Spirit?
3. What is the Holy Spirit's responsibility in this partnership and what is ours?

Our Partnership with the Holy Spirit is a partnership of Works (doing the works of Jesus) and Words (testifying and witnessing about Jesus) where we together fulfil the purposes of God to the ends of the earth.

Please read Luke 4.18-19, Luke 5.30-32 and John 16.45-49

4. Jesus practiced what He preached and also preached as He practiced. How can we do likewise in these areas?
5. Referring to Luke 4.18-19, what is God's good news to the poor?
6. How can we work for it like Jesus? How can we testify to the unique opportunities for the poor - available only through Jesus in the power of the Spirit?
7. Referring to Luke 4.18-19, what is God's mission in relation to the oppressed, the depressed, the downtrodden, the outsiders, the refugees and the asylum seekers?
8. How can we work for it like Jesus? How can we testify to the unique opportunities for the oppressed - available only through Jesus in the power of the Spirit?

Finally...

Reflect on these two passages together.

Colossians 3.23-24 and 1 Corinthians 2.12-13