

NATURALLY *Supernatural*

Pastor Dave Patterson Naturally Supernatural Part 1: Walking and Talking with God

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

[Galatians 5:25]

Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Para-Kletos: "come alongside you" -- "as a comforter and friend"

[John 14:16-17, 25-26]

16 I will ask the Father to send you another Helper (comforter), the Spirit of truth, who will remain constantly with you.

*17 **He is the Holy Spirit**, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive **Him**, because it isn't looking for **Him** and doesn't recognize **Him**. But you know **Him**, because **He lives** with you, and **He will dwell** in you.*

25 I am telling you these things now while I am still with you. 26 But when the Father sends the helper as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.

God has not lost His voice; He is speaking to His people today!

[John 16:7, 12-13]

*7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth. **It is to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

*12 "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. 13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, **he will guide you into all the truth**. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and **he will tell you what is yet to come**.*

[Ephesians 4.29-30]

*29 Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them. 30 **And do not grieve** (bring sorrow or sadness to) **God's Holy Spirit** by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own*

[1 Thessalonians 5:19]

***Do not** (quench) **put out the Spirit's fire**. Do not treat prophecies with contempt.*

Benefits of Walking and Talking with the Holy Spirit:

1. He will come alongside us to bring comfort, counsel, & help.

[John 16.7]

2. He will "teach us all things." [John 14.26]

3. He will reveal what's coming in the future.

[John 16:13]

*"There is so much more I want to tell you, but you can't bear it now. When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all truth. ...**He will tell you about the future.**"*

4. He will fill our lives with joy.

[Romans 14:17]

*For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and **joy in the Holy Spirit,***

5. He will empower us to do the "greater things." [John 14.12]

[John 14:12]

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some analogies that Jesus used to describe Himself? Which ones are the easiest for you to relate to?
2. Why is it crucial for us to understand the Holy Spirit as a person? How does it affect how we operate in our faith? (gifts, etc.)
3. Would you say that there's a gap between how the early church believers interacted with the Holy Spirit and what we witness in

today's church? If so, how can we intentionally get back to that place as a church and as individuals? In other words, what would that look like day-to-day?

4. How do we balance operating in the gifts of the Spirit without coming across as weird, mystical, or unapproachable?
5. How are we in control of the nearness in our relationship with The Holy Spirit? (Throw wood on the fire or quench) How will you increase your friendship with The Holy Spirit?
6. Which benefit of walking and talking with The Holy Spirit do you need in your life the most right now?
7. Pray for a fresh dose of joy in The Holy Spirit for one another!