

**I listen**

So, as we turn to the passage, may we reflect on this past week asking, Holy Spirit, what are you guiding us to?

We are guided to know God more intimately. We are guided to reflect God more truthfully. We are guided that we may be a light to others, that they may see the image of Jesus Christ in us.

**Acts 1.8**

*...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

**I Pray**

We give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit. That God, you know the relationship your creation desires. You gave us Jesus Christ, to achieve what we could not as man. You revealed yourself through your Word that we may be guided. You breathed on us your Holy Spirit that we may be united most intimately with you. You gave us an advocate and guide that we should be able to interpret your Word by your truth and your wisdom.

May we allow you to guide us in our every moment.

**Amen**

Thank you for joining me this week. And enjoy the rest of the ARNA Pentecost Retreat.

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirits revelation?  
To point to Jesus Christ.

### **I challenge**

We bear witness to the things we love. We speak to others about the movies and books we love. We wear colours of our sporting teams and goofy designer logos. We used to share music albums.

We witness to the things we love and guide people to appreciate things that impact us in profound ways.

We conclude this week of reflections by pondering, the purpose of the Holy Spirit's guidance in our lives.

Why should we be guided to change, to express certain gifts?

I recall working with a gentleman as a hotel cleaner. I've never quite figured out why we were always paired together; we were pretty slow workers comparatively. But alas, we were, more often than not working together. The real part of the story however is that there was something about this man I could never put my finger on. Something different. Something beautiful. Something fascinating. And, a little mysterious.

Interestingly there is little else I recall about him, not even his name, just that there was something different.

I had this conversation with a staff member after he left the position. He seemed to go as inconspicuously as he came. But I said there was something different about him. Then we realised it was his faith. He truly was a light that drew people into wanting to know what it was that he had and whether he could share it.

Now I could have asked all sorts of things. Spiritually I wasn't ready. But the presence of this man, the gifts he shared that I had no language for, removed scales from my eyes, hardness of my mind and I would begin to seek what it was that he had.

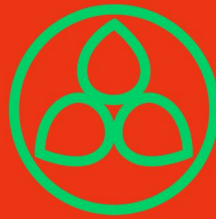
God has revealed and shared of himself, that we should know him by the persons of the Holy Three. God has invited us into this relationship, to experience a connection to him. So much so that we have the Holy Spirit breathed on and in us that we should always be in intimate communion with Jesus Christ. Recalling that if you have seen me (Jesus), then you have seen the Father. I knew something was different in this man, now I know it was Jesus.

As God has not kept himself from us, the Holy Spirit's guidance is not for us to keep to ourselves (not that it is ours to give or receive). But as guide, and as fruit, we cannot help but share the knowledge of Jesus Christ as our redeemer through expressions of Spiritual gifts.

For those who have received the Holy Spirit, we guide others to Jesus Christ by the Spirits witness.



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### *Guidance of the Holy Spirit*

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#### **DAY #5      GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT Communal Witness**

As we give thanks for the guidance of the Holy Spirit, his witness expressed through gifts of his Spirit, we reflect; how do these gifts guide others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ?

This may draw us to ask, what are the purposes of Spiritual gifts?

#### **I focus on Centring on God's Presence**

We still and focus our hearts and minds. Acknowledging the Holy Spirits' presence with each of us this day. Giving thanks for our own transformation and seeking a deeper understanding of how the gifts of the Holy Spirit strengthen our lives.

Fall afresh on us, this day that we may bear your image, as a light, that others may see in us your reflection.

#### **I pause and pray.**

Lord as you have guided us, may you use us to bear witness to your truth, wisdom and power to this world. May your Holy Spirit continue to guide us so that we may bear witness to your character and your will. May others be drawn to the Holy Spirit within us that they may know Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

*you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth." Acts 1.8*

#### **I reflect**

What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit guiding our lives?