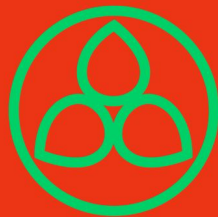




# PENTECOST RETREAT



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### *Guidance of the Holy Spirit*

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#### **DAY #3      GUIDANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT *Foundational Guide***

As we pause and reflect, we give thanks to the Lord who knows us. Perhaps more importantly, Lord, you want us to know you. We give thanks that you breathed your Holy Spirit on us and breathed your life into the Holy Scriptures. We are humbled that you should reveal yourself that we may know you. Open our hearts and minds to the revelation you have shared.

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

We celebrate the scriptures, that we have access to your God-breathed words. Words taught by the Holy Spirit.

How overtime have our experiences with scripture changed?

Do we reflect on the Holy Spirits action in interpreting the words of scripture for us?

Do we allow scripture to guide us, knowing its inspiration?

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

We give thanks for the Holy Spirit's inspiration in teaching and recording the Scriptures. We ask afresh, that the Holy Spirit reveal in us by the Scriptures, his truth, his wisdom, his guidance, so that God's glory may be revealed to us anew.

*This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. 1 Corinthians 2.13-14*

### **I reflect**

Often, we are encouraged to see human fingerprints on Scriptures. May we pause. Put those fingerprints aside. How do our hearts and minds see the Holy Spirit's fingerprints throughout Scripture?

How does the Holy Spirit within us delight in revelation and guidance of his people? We sing God's praises that Jesus Christ has been revealed to us that we may know and seek the Fathers will more clearly.

### **I challenge**

Have you ever needed help reading a particular book?

I am part of a book club by Renovare, and when possible, the book club is guided by either the author of the text or at least an expert on the author and text. This is a blessing because sometimes where you are unsure, you will have guidance by the author as to the texts meaning. Other times, simply by knowing more backstory of the author, you gain a greater clarity of the text.

It is easy to get caught up in the human 'authorship' of the scriptural texts. But we have access to the author. Take a moment and just sit with the fact that God is the author of this text gifted to us that we should know the him.

Fire Bible Study notes on 1Cor2.13 suggest five steps by which the Holy Spirit inspired the writing of Scripture:

1. God desired to communicate
2. Holy Spirit is Gods truth and wisdom revealed
3. God' revelation is given to believers where the Holy Spirit indwells.
4. Human authors revealed words taught by the Holy Spirit
5. We can understand the Holy Spirits teaching by the guidance of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. (\*iron sharpens iron\*)

### **I listen**

As we turn to the scriptures, may we see the Holy Spirit's activity more clearly, that we may be open to the truth revealed by these Holy Spirit-taught words. May we be acutely aware of the Spirit-taught words from Genesis to Revelation.

### **2 Timothy 3.16-17**

*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.*

### **1 Corinthians 2.13-14**

*This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. The person without the Spirit does not*

*accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.*

**I Pray**

Jesu,

You have revealed yourself to us in your person and through your Holy Word. We marvel at how you guide your beloved to write their witness of your work in the world.

We give you thanks for your inspiration, for your aspiration. Grant us a greater hunger for your word, a greater conviction and greater clarity as the Spirit of Truth guides us in receiving you.

Amen