

INSPIRED WORD
September 28, 2016

The Life in the Spirit Seminar course titled: “The Gift” began tonight and it will continue every Wednesday evening for six weeks. The teachings from DVDs and the small group sessions are from 6:30 pm through 8:00 pm in the parish hall and that is followed by praise and worship in the sanctuary until 9:00 pm.

PRAYER

Lord, here we are, Your people, gathered here and loved by You; we are imperfect but still loved by You. Thank You for gathering us in this place tonight. Help us, O Lord, to open our hearts to You and to the mercy and love which You pour forth upon us. Jesus, may Your name be praised and glorified in this place! Jesus, Jesus, we love You!

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 100: 1 – 5: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all you lands; worship the Lord with cries of gladness; come before Him with joyful song. Know that the Lord is God, our Maker to Whom we belong, Whose people we are, God’s well-tended flock. Enter the temple gates with praise, its courts with thanksgiving. Give thanks to God, bless His name; good indeed is the Lord, Whose love endures forever, Whose faithfulness lasts through every age.

PRAYER

Lord, that reality is marvelous that You pour forth Your love upon us and we are changed by it. Our hearts just respond to it. O Jesus, thank You for Your salvation, thank You for Your mercy, thank You for Your love! Jesus, Jesus, we thank You!

SCRIPTURE

Psalms 144: 1 – 2: “Blessed be the Lord, my Rock, Who trains my hands for battle, my fingers for war; my Safeguard and my Fortress, my Stronghold, my Deliverer, my Shield, in Whom I trust, Who subdues peoples under me.” What a promise! While we experience the enemy, we don’t have to be afraid of them because the Lord is our Shield and Deliverer and He makes them submit to us.

EXHORTATION

Let’s take a few minutes and just ask the Lord to refresh our minds, our souls, and most importantly to refresh our hearts; to be able to make that connection between head and heart.

PROPHECY / EXHORTATION

There is a song that is in my mind and the lyrics are: “Draw me close, closer than before, closer than I have ever been; draw me close, closer than I have been before, closer than I have ever been.” Sometimes, I think that in the middle of our dancing in the river, we start to realize how deep it is and we start to doubt and fear. But I really think that the Lord is saying, “Come on, let

Me draw you closer, let Me draw you close to My Heart, let Me allow you to hear and feel My heartbeat which echoes, "I love you; I love you; I love you; I love you." So when things are building up around us and it starts to feel almost like it is too much, remind yourselves of the heartbeat of the Father and the words, "Come on, let Me draw you closer, closer than you have ever been before, let Me draw you close!"

TONGUES

INTERPRETATION / PROPHECY

It is a river that flows from My very Throne room. There is a river that flows from My very Throne room and it starts with My heart. It is the heart that you heard beating for you to come close, and it is a river of grace, a river of love, and a river of mercy. When you step into that river, you experience My love, My grace and My mercy. And I say to you, "Do not be afraid to step into My river! For it is not a river that will sweep you away, but a river that will sweep you deeper into My heart; that you may then know My love, My grace, and My mercy.

EXHORTATION

Let's just sit for a few moments and think about the word we just heard in Prophecy, about His love and mercy that will carry us deeper into His heart.

PRAYER

Thank You for loving us with an unbelievable love, Lord! We thank You for Your word to us tonight and we thank You for Your holy Presence here. Lord, we ask You to be with all of the people who are making this seminar. Be with them and their families, Lord, and surround them with Your love and protection. And by Your grace and mercy, let us know, know deep in our hearts, the love that You have for us and that You are indeed our good, good Father.