

## *The Hidden Treasure of a Heart*

1 Corinthians 12:12-27

### Getting to Know You

This week's message was entitled "*Interrupted by the Holy Spirit*". For hundreds of years the prophets spoke of the coming messiah. Throughout that time the people of God endured, persecution, oppression and slavery. Their only hope was their hope in the conquering warrior messiah king. So they thought.

THEN JESUS APPEARED AND Thousands gather to hear him speak of about the kingdom of God and of hope, forgiveness and eternal life!!

They witness many miracles!! Some were delivered from evil spirits others were eyewitnesses of the blind receiving sight, the dead being raised, broken lives being restored AND sinners being forgiven!

Then, JESUS is arrested, beaten, crucified and His body laid in tomb!! His followers were despondent, hopelessly defeated and went into hiding. But on 3<sup>rd</sup> day, the tomb empty. Jesus had risen from grave as He had said, He appeared to disciples and followers for 40 days!!

The gospel books come to close but another opens for the "church to come", with Jesus speaking His final words.

### Reading Together Acts 1: 4-9 & Acts 2: 17-19

### Ice Breaker

- Have you ever found yourself in a situation that you never planned for? How did you respond?

### Digging Deeper

These disciples must have had an array of emotions. They may have felt abandon, tricked, confused, fearful and alone. What if they were wrong about Jesus and now He's gone? How are they going to explain that to those they left behind to follow Jesus? Then, Jesus appears to many of His followers over a period of 40 days and suddenly they realize that HE IS NOT DEAD, HE HAS RISEN!! He is who He said He is and He is the fulfillment of ancient prophecies. Now they are instructed to go to Jerusalem to receive the "promise of the father". With joy and certainty they go to Jerusalem. They remember what Jesus said about the miracles they witnessed "...and greater

thing then these shall ye do". Can it be that God was about to do something greater ... in them??

1. What was the promise of the Farther?
2. The Holy Spirit in the original great is translated "para-kletos", which means to be "called along of ". Why would God the Father send us the Holy Spirit? And for what purpose?
3. What is the role of the Holy Spirit today? Do we even need the Holy Spirit? Why?
4. How did the Holy Spirit interrupt the disciples and early followers of Christ?
5. Has the role of the Holy Spirit changed today? How is He operating in the church?
6. Has the Holy Spirit interrupted you lately? Please explain.

### **Taking it Home**

1. Go home and read through Acts chapters one and two.
2. Answer these very personal questions,
  - What is the Holy Spirit speaking to me?
3. What will I do about it? Will I be like the rich young ruler mentioned in Mark 10:17-27 or will I follow the promise?