

Women's Ministries: Week Five

Lead Me, Holy Spirit by Stormie Omartian

Next Women's Ministry Zoom Meeting:

This Sunday, December 6, 2020 at 5PM

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I hope everyone is doing well and that you were all able to have the peace of the Lord this week. We have the perfect opportunity to remember that God is our peace and He knows everything that has, is and what will happen. It is also the perfect opportunity to put that thought into real-time action. So take a moment, a deep breath and cleanse your heart and mind as you study His Word.

This week we will cover a summary of the questions in Chapter 1 under the section, *Led to Receive the Inheritance Laid Up for You as God's Child*. Below that will be questions from the Study Guide for this week's reading from Chapter 2, *Led to Be Filled*. Since this is the first section of the second chapter, there is no Prayer Power or Word Power.

Summary

In Romans 8:13-17, Paul tells us that to live by the flesh would mean certain spiritual death. We need the Holy Spirit to help us resist and overcome temptation. But resisting temptation is not enough. We must replace ungodly desires with godly pursuits, replace evil and impure thoughts with those that are true, honorable, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy. We must be careful what we let in to influence our spirit through our body's five senses.

God did not give us a spirit of fear but a spirit of adoption. God sends the Holy Spirit to our hearts that helps us to cry out to our Father and bears witness that we are indeed children of God and a joint-heir with Jesus. God loves us so much and wants us to be called His children. Because we have the hope of seeing Jesus as He truly is and becoming like Him, we should

be faithful to him by avoiding anything that offends God and by keeping ourselves spiritually pure.

We are all sons of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Because we were baptised in Christ, we have put on Christ. That is to say that there is no distinction between us, we are all one in Christ, Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. This is a living hope, an inheritance that doesn't fade away but is kept and protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation to be revealed in the last time.

Questions from the Study Guide (to answer after reading the intro to Chapter 2, *Led to Be Filled.*)

1. Read John 7:37-39. In light of what Jesus said, what happens to you when you receive Him?

Who was Jesus speaking about when He spoke of rivers of living water?

Who would receive the living water?

Why was the Holy Spirit not yet given at this time?

Read John 4:13-14. Water here represents the Holy Spirit. What happens when you drink of the water Jesus gives you?

2. In John 7:37-39, "thirst" means to have a spiritual need. If you don't realize that you have a need to be saved, forgiven, or found, then you don't know you are lost in sins and so you will live in condemnation and bear the consequences of that, which is eternal separation from God. "Living water" refers to the Holy Spirit. These verses clearly say that all who receive Jesus receive the Holy Spirit. At that time the Holy Spirit had not been given because Jesus had not yet been crucified, resurrected, glorified, and ascended into heaven. From the time the Holy Spirit fell upon the people at Pentecost, every true believer in Jesus has had the Holy Spirit dwelling in them.

If you have received Jesus, you have the Holy Spirit in you. Write out a prayer thanking Him for the living water of His Holy Spirit. If you have not received Jesus, write out a prayer asking Jesus to come into your life and give His Holy Spirit to dwell in you. Tell Him how much you thirst (have a spiritual need) for His living water (His Holy Spirit).

In closing, I know it has been hard to be so far apart from each other during this quarantine. But know that my heart and my thoughts are with you. I pray the peace of the Lord is with you all.

Love in Christ,
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