



## “Spirit-led fellowship”

– Study questions

October 14<sup>th</sup> '18

Continuing our theme for the year about “keeping in step with the Spirit” we’ll be taking 5 Sunday mornings to explore how the Holy Spirit wants to led & empower our life together as a church & our shared mission.

We’ll be basing this in letters written by leaders of the early church, and looking at how we can relate these principles into our culture.

1. Read John 7:37-39. What do you think Jesus meant by this picture of the Holy Spirit’s power in us as individuals and as a church being “like rivers of living water”? How is it possible to lose sight of this?

2. Recent research has found that over 9 million people in the UK would say they are always or often lonely. What other issues about relationships in 21<sup>st</sup> century Britain provide the background to any discussion about God’s kingdom design for community / relationships / fellowship?

2. Read Colossians 1:1-8.

i) What do these verses tell us about Paul feelings about this church in Colossae? What motivated Paul to pray for them?

ii) Who was it who had brought the good news to Colossae? Why do you think this would have been such an encouragement to Paul?

iii) We looked at some of the ways relationships between Christians are described in these verses.

*holy people v2*

*faithful brothers and sisters in Christ v2*

*people who have received, and give, grace v2*

*people who know & share God’s peace v2*

*and who have love[agape] for God’s people v4, 8*

Explore each of these – especially focussing on how we can ensure that these remain true for our fellowship together.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CjB0Bm-yJJY>

Documentary about Operation Pedestal August 1942.