

Vineyard Distinctives:

Come Holy Spirit

Small Groups

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John Mumford said:

"The prayer, 'come Holy Spirit' doesn't imply that the Spirit of God isn't already present – rather it is a deep petition from our hearts to experience more of God's presence. We want him to reveal himself to us. We want him to come and speak to us. We want him to love us and to find expression of his love for us and pour his love into our hearts."

You can watch the full talk from John Mumford [here](#).

There is a saying: "The word without the Spirit and we dry up. The Spirit without the word and we blow up."

Listen to Eleanor Mumford (Vineyard National Leaders Conference – Norway 2013) speaking about the Holy Spirit [here](#).

1. The Holy Spirit is God's experienced presence.
2. The Holy Spirit is God's transforming power.
3. The Holy Spirit reminds us of our clear instructions – God's clear instructions.

Jesus announced the start of his public ministry after 40 days in the wilderness in the synagogue in his home town of Nazareth.

Luke 4:16 -21

Jesus returned to Galilee in the power

of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

"The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

The last recorded words of Jesus were (Acts 1 v 4):

While he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the

earth.”

Eleanor Mumford said:

“The church of God needs the power of God to fulfil the call of God in the world that God made.”