



## 4. “Spirit in the Church”

The Vineyard Church of Conroe

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### Sermon Outline Notes

The Flame of Love **IS THE MANIFEST PRESENCE OF GOD**

**BROUGHT BY THE SPIRIT**

*“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,<sup>19</sup> to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19*

When the church gathers **WE ENCOUNTER THE HOLY SPIRIT**

*In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord.<sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. Ephesians 2:21-22*

#### **I. Power and Presence**

We encounter the Spirit in the church **WHEN WE WORSHIP**

*<sup>28</sup> Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe,<sup>29</sup> for our “God is a consuming fire.” Hebrews 12:28-29*

#### **II. Baptism and Eucharist**

We encounter the Spirit in the church **IN THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM & THE EUCHARIST**

*Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ.<sup>13</sup> For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we*

were all given the one Spirit to drink. <sup>14</sup> Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

### **III. Gifts of the Spirit**

#### **We encounter the Spirit in the church THROUGH GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**

<sup>4-11</sup> God's various gifts are handed out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various ministries are carried out everywhere; but they all originate in God's Spirit. God's various expressions of power are in action everywhere; but God himself is behind it all. Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: Everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

### **IV. Signs and Wonders**

#### **We encounter the Spirit in the church IN SIGNS & WONDERS**

<sup>3b</sup> This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him. <sup>4</sup> God also testified to it by signs, wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. Hebrews 2:3b-4

### **V. Structure**

#### **We encounter the Spirit in the church THROUGH LEADERSHIP & STRUCTURE**

<sup>28a</sup> Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Acts 20:28a

### **VI. Mission**

#### **We encounter the Spirit in the church WHEN OUR MISSION IS THE SAME AS JESUS' MISSION**

<sup>12</sup> "I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup> But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup> All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you." John 16:12-15