

Power From on High

Good News of the Kingdom

Into the Lesson:

Some facts about the power of the human brain (from Interesting Facts from the internet, *so it must be true*):
The human brain runs on less power than a 60-watt lightbulb.
Wonder if that's why some call me a dim wit?
Average weight of an adult human brain is 3 pounds.
There are 86 billion neurons (nerve cells responsible for transmitting messages) in the human brain.
The speed that brain information can travel along the alpha motor neuron in the spinal cord is 268 mph. That could be why some people get dizzy when they change their minds.

Into the Word:

Spend some time reviewing the passages Mike provided in his sermon and make notes of the work of the Holy Spirit:

Genesis 1:1-2-

Revelation 22:17- (wouldn't hurt to read the whole chapter)-

Luke 1:26-35-

Matthew 3:13-17-

Matthew 28:19-

II Corinthians 13:14-

Of the above, which helps us to better understand:

The Person of the Holy Spirit-

The Promise of the Holy Spirit-

The Purpose of the Holy Spirit in Christians-

Respond to Mike's comment concerning God's giving of the Law, "... He wanted us to see that there is something seriously wrong with our hearts...".

How does our "Thru the Bible" reading help to put this into perspective?

From our study of the Gospel of Mark, how have we seen evidence of the "impossibility of living a Christian Life apart from the Holy Spirit"?

Into Life:

What are some of the indications that the church, and we as individual members, may sometimes, "*blend in with no noticeable distinction*" between us and our culture?

How does the parable of the "Good Samaritan" provide a good template for going the extra mile in our interactions with those we meet?

How does Philippians 2:1-18 further expand that template? What can we do **this week** to make sure that our lives are evidence of Galatians 5:22-23?

How crucial is Prayer, Bible study and Fellowship to that process?

"so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:17-21