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Scripture: Galatians 2:20, Ephesians 5:18, Genesis 1:2, Isaiah 30:21

Sermon Overview: To be filled with the Spirit is a life of communion, dependence, and relationship. Part of the curse of sin is our self-consciousness replacing our God-consciousness. Now that we are crucified with Christ, we also live with Christ through the Holy Spirit. We are, therefore, called to crucify our egos so that we may be continually filled with the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what areas of your life would you consider yourself to be self-conscious?
2. How can you choose to be more God-conscious in these areas?

Sermon-Specific Questions:

1. We use defense mechanisms and adaptive strategies to protect our egos, our sense of self. Think of a time this week when you felt uncomfortable or embarrassed. How did you respond to protect yourself? Can you identify a specific defense mechanism or adaptive strategy that you are using? How can you reimagine the situation so that you, instead, respond in a way that is conscious of *God with you*?
2. Genesis 1:2 gives us our first revelation of the Trinity. Just as the Holy Spirit hovered then, the Holy Spirit hovers so close to us now. The Holy Spirit prepares the way before us and, at the same time, acts as our rear guard. When was the last time that you felt isolated and alone, like God wasn't with you? When was the last time that you really felt the presence of God? Compare the differences in these scenarios. Read Isaiah 30:21. When you feel alone, repeat this verse aloud, knowing the Holy Spirit is truly guiding you in that moment.
3. Where do you perceive chaos, where you desire order, in your life? Where do you see darkness, though you need there to be light? How can you let go of control and let God do what He does best through the power of the Holy Spirit: bring something from nothing, light from darkness, and order from chaos? Listen for the still small voice.

Digging Deeper:

- Read 1 Corinthians 12:7-11 and 1 Corinthians 14:1-40. Examine what God says about the gifts of the Holy Spirit and pursuing spiritual gifts. What do you notice? What desires rise up in you in response to these verses? Write them in your journal and speak to God about them. What gifts has God already given to you? Could you share with your small group how God has used your gifts for His glory?

Practical Application:

- This week, practice saying “Come, Holy Spirit, come” throughout the day. What do you notice by the end of the day? By the end of the week?
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