

# **Beyond the Sermon**

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Spirit Lead Me

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

#### **Message Theme**

3 Types Of People

## **Key Truths**

There are 3 types of people that we will encounter in life.

- 1. The first type of person is **the natural person**. These people have not received Jesus and they have put themselves on the throne, making all of their own decisions. "Our spiritual decisions" come across as wildly unreasonable to them. They have great hearts but they are lost in the world.
- 2. The second type is the carnal person. This is a carnal Christian. This person has accepted Jesus but lives in defeat. Jesus is in their life but not on the throne. Self is on the throne and making decisions and actions that result in frustrations. In 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 the apostle Paul is speaking to the church saying he wants to trust them more but they can't be trusted because they are still walking in jealousy and strife. In churches we have switched the milk and the meat of the word for how intellectually profound and articulate we can teach it. That is not the meat of the Word. The church doesn't teach about the meat of the Word enough. According to the apostle, the meat of the Word is how obedient to the Word we are. Spirit led living is the meat of the word. The carnal Christian turns up their music and distractions to get by too. They can look at the natural person and see their music up and they realize that they are doing the same thing so what's the difference?

Christians stay on the milk of the word because we don't know the things of the spirit. To those who are spiritually dead it looks the same as them "seeking spirits" on their own so there is no desire to follow the Lord.

We have to take it to the next level to make it look different. People sitting in this seat always have a complaint. We don't need more critics, we need more prophets.

3. The third type of person has the King on the throne and they bow before Him. The first two people are fighting addiction and in this last seat addiction is broken in Jesus'

name. "The Christian life is an adventure. The life of a Christian is not the life of survival, it's the life of thriving." When the music gets cranked it's not to drown out anything, it's to say 'God, your kingdom come.'

This person says 'I don't want to get better at christianity, I want to get better at being surrendered to the Holy Spirit.'

#### **Practical Application**

If we are honest with ourselves, which of these people do we resemble? And where do we want to be?

If we let God take us by the hand we will find freedom for things our families have never gotten freedom for. Jesus will teach us how to walk by the Spirit and He will take the unredeemable and redeem it to bring himself glory.

We must walk by the spirit in all we do. We have to know the gift giver to get the gifts and we have to want the healer more than the healing.

#### **Key Verses**

- 1 Corinthians 2:14,
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-3.
- 1 Corinthians 2:15-16
- Galatians 5:16-17

#### **Declarations**

"God I want to be what you want me to be. I give you the genetic code of my family and I trust in what you have in store for them.

Heavenly Father, I give you my whole life; My past, my pain, and my physical body. God, I hold nothing back from you. Would you forgive me of my sins and wash me clean with your blood? Have your way in my life, Lord".

### What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

### **Scripture References**

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- **1 Corinthians 2:14 ESV** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
- **1 Corinthians 3:1-2 NASB1995** And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able...
- **1 Corinthians 3:3 NASB1995** ... for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?
- **1 Corinthians 2:15-16 AMP** But the spiritual man [the spiritually mature Christian] judges all things [questions, examines and applies what the Holy Spirit reveals], yet is himself judged by no one [the unbeliever cannot judge and understand the believer's spiritual nature]. For who has known the mind and purposes of the Lord, so as to instruct Him?

Isaiah 55:9 NKJV So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

**Galatians 5:16-17 ESV** But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

