

LIFT: Carried by the Wind of the Spirit (Sailing Series – Part I)

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1. This new series is about the Holy Spirit and our own spirituality. Who is the most spiritual person you know, and what attributes do they have that give them that status?

2. Pastor Steve suggested that we have a tendency to over analyze what it means to be spiritual. What simple test questions did he offer to see how spiritual we are?

3. Read John 3:1-2.
 - a) How was the man described and what was it he said about Jesus?

 - b) What did Nicodemus not say?

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 - a) Read John 3:3-4. Jesus has a chance to witness to a member of the Sanhedrin and bring him into the flock and starts talking in riddles. Why would He do this?

 - b) Read John 3:5-8. What is the bottom line for becoming a Christian?

 - c) Read John 3:9-10. How does Nicodemus respond to this revelation?

5. How are we too often like Nicodemus?

6. What are some words or images that come to mind when you think of the Holy Spirit?

7. How do we realize that we are not walking in the Holy Spirit?

8. Considerable time was spent with the imagery of us on a boat by ourselves.
 - a) Why are we in a sailboat but not using the sail?

 - b) If we will quit trying to dog paddle under our own power and put up the sail, we can take advantage of the power of the wind. What does the Bible promise to those who will do this?

9. Read Acts 1:8-9 and Acts 2:1-21. These are a preview of what is yet to come in this series as we consider the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives. What do you see in these verses that might be important to consider in coming weeks?