

BEYOND

MYSELF, THIS MOMENT, THESE WALLS

Engaging with People

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4-Week Outline

Week 1 – Our World

Understanding the Cultural & Spiritual
Landscape of Our Times

Week 2 – Our Lives

Living Holy in an Unholy World



Week 3 – God's Power/Our Message

Cooperating with God the Holy Spirit

Week 4 – Our Relationships

Sharpening Our Life Skills for Engagement

Our Message / God's Power

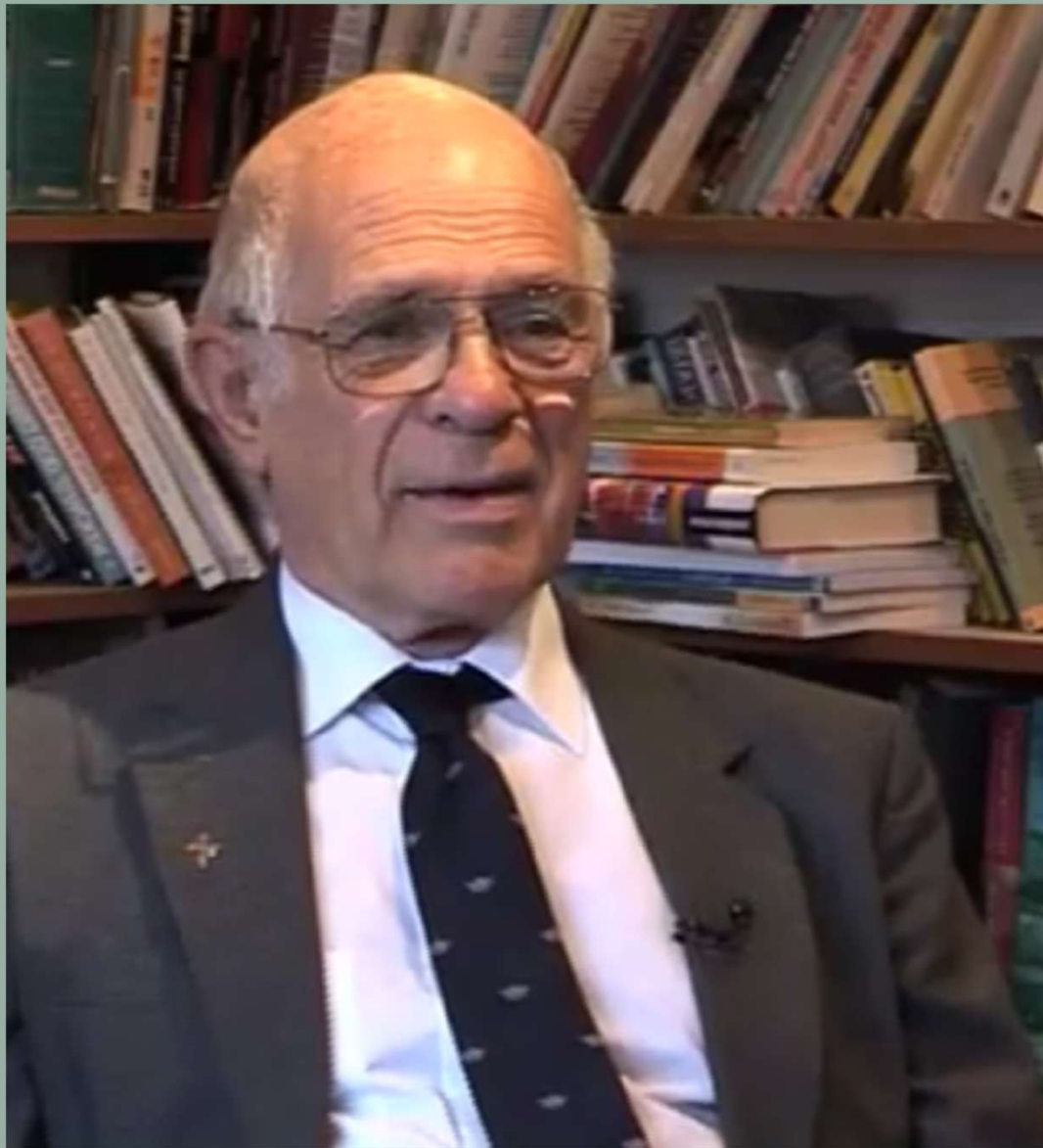
Great Commission

“You will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** comes upon you. And you will be **my witnesses**, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

Acts 1:8 (NLT)

Michael Green

Evangelism in the Early Church



***The Holy Spirit
was the chief
agent in the
expansion of the
church. It was
the Spirit who
both inspired the
message and
empowered the
messenger.***

Michael Green

Role
of the
Holy Spirit

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Illuminates

Sheds Light on the Truth of God's Word

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own but will tell you **what he has heard**.

John 16:13 NLT

“I will send you the Advocate—the Spirit of truth. He will come to you from the Father and **will testify all about me.**”

John 15:26 NLT, also 1 John 5:6

Role of the Holy Spirit

Illuminates

Opens People's Minds & Hearts
to Understand the Truth of God's Word

“When the Father sends the Advocate as my representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—he will **teach** you everything and will **remind** you of everything I have told you.”

John 14:26 NLT

Role of the Holy Spirit

Convicts

Convicts the World of Sin

“When he [the Holy Spirit] comes, he will **convict** the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment.”

John 16:8 NLT

Role of the Holy Spirit

Draws/Calls

Enables People to Respond to God's Word

“For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me **draws** them to me.”

John 6:44 NLT

Role of the Holy Spirit

Saves

Saves People from the Consequence of Sin

“God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to **save** the world through him.”

John 3:17 NIV

“He himself is the sacrifice that **atones** for our sins—and not only our sins but the sins of all the world.”

1 John 2:2 NLT

Role of the Holy Spirit

Empowers

Gives Us the Words to Say

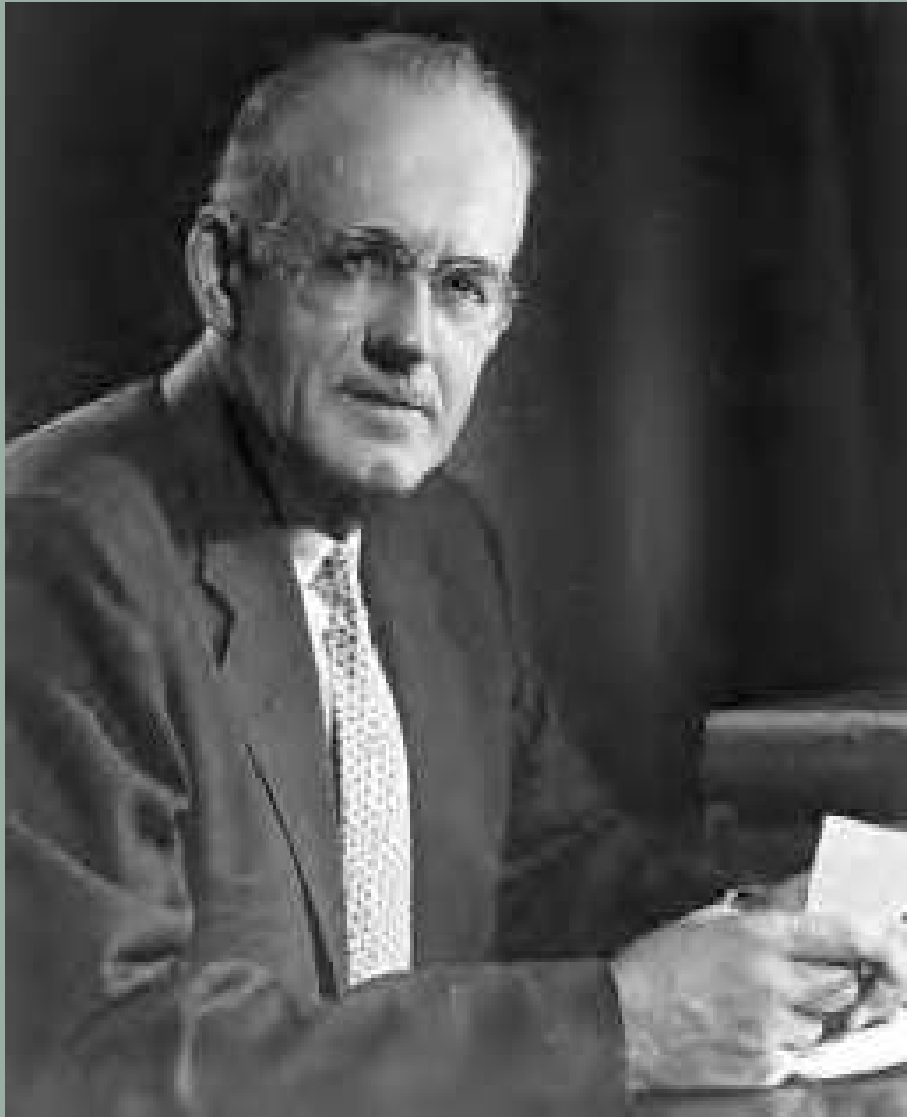
“We do not use words that come from human wisdom. Instead, we speak **words given to us by the Spirit**, using the **Spirit’s words** to explain spiritual truths.

1 Corinthians 2:13

“The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time **what needs to be said.**”

Luke 12:11-12 NLT

Role of the Holy Spirit



**The Spirit-filled
life is not a
special, deluxe
edition of
Christianity.**

**It is part and
parcel of the
total plan of God
for His people.**

A. W. Tozer, *The Pursuit of Man*

Role of the Holy Spirit

Group Discussion

How does this overview of the role of the Holy Spirit **encourage** you in your engagement with others as you share your faith?

God's Role
Our Responsibility

Our Responsibility

Cultivate
And
Cooperate

Our Responsibility: Cultivate and Cooperate

Training vs. Trying

- Spiritual practices are not about **trying** to get God's attention, but about **training** ourselves to pay attention to Him.
- Spiritual practices are fundamentally about **alignment**, aligning ourselves with the Holy Spirit.

Our Responsibility: Cultivate and Cooperate

Obey
Cultivate Christ's attitude
Walk in the Spirit
Put off the old/
Put on the new

Spirit-Filled Result

- Fruit of the Spirit/fruit bearing
- Good Works
- Filled with the fullness of God
- Salty salt, visible light

Deeds and Words/ Life and Message

Telling your story

Deeds and **words** always go together in God's revelation of himself and his work. God has always both acted and provided interpretation of his actions.

John Stott

Deeds and Words/ Life and Message

Life without message

- Behavior is not self-interpreting.
- The Gospel message has very specific content that can't be inferred from good behavior.

Deeds and Words Life and Message

Message without Life

- There may be no opportunity to share the Gospel.
- There will be no context or credibility to the message.

Deeds and Words Life and Message

“You are the evidence of who I am...If someone is looking at my life for a testimony, what am I testifying. If someone is looking at my words as a record, what are they reading?”

Nate Hill, *Beyond*, 11-9-25

Engage!

- **Intentionally engage** with people who are far from God.
- Don't apologize for speaking the truth about God as revealed in Scripture.
- Don't let the issues polarize us.
- Realize that people are searching.