# A Spirit –filled community

## We are a people of God's presence



#### 'For this son of mine was dead and is alive again.'



#### Where is the Holy Spirit?



# The Spirit is given to the church...

#### John 14 - Jesus tells us we will not be left alone:

'Do not let your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me...

For I go to prepare a place for you...

...I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.



### Why did God choose us?



# The Holy Spirit comes and dwells in you

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1.8



The Spirit you received does **not** make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba Father." The Spirit himself **testifies with our spirit** that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. Romans 8:15-17

# People of Presence – are People of Peace



'I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one - as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.' Jn 17.21

#### What happens when we are not people of peace?



*Ephesians* 4.1-3

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

#### 1 Cor 12.26

'If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it.'

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Spirit filled community – Where transformation begins with us...

'A church that is in step with the spirit will find a sense of urgency springing up to be involved in God's work to reconcile the world to himself in Christ, and to be involved in the transformation of the world.'

#### Spirit filled community - transformation begins with us

Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." *John 7:38-39* 

