**Q95. In addition to being the seal of our salvation, what is the Holy Spirit’s ongoing ministry to the saved?**

The Holy Spirit enables us to understand God’s word, convicts us of sin, comforts us, prays for us, leads us, gives us spiritual gifts, and causes in us increasing desire and ability to obey God.

**Q96. By what evidence does one show true saving faith?**

By the work of God’s power and grace, the saved imperfectly but increasingly show the fruit of the Spirit, repent from sin, affirm biblical truth, grow in holiness by obeying God’s word, love others, live within Christian community, and abide in Christ by persevering in saving faith.

1. What ministry of the Holy Spirit was new to you tonight? Or, how did you see a specific ministry of the Holy Spirit differently in light of tonight’s teaching?
2. It is common for people to be convicted of sin while hearing the word of God preached. Please share a moment when this has been real for you. How did the Holy Spirit illuminate the sin in your heart?
3. Much of the ministry of the Holy Spirit is His comfort to us. Share how this reality is a great comfort to you. Share times of trial where God brought the Spirit to bear in your heart vividly and gave you the grace and faith to continue.
4. How does the world lead non-believers? How does the world try to lead believers? How will believers respond to the world? How will non-believers respond to the world? *Hint: Think of the dominion of sin for the unbeliever and the dominion of Jesus Christ. (Romans 6:14)*
5. Read Galatians 5:22-23
   1. How has God grown you in the fruit of the Spirit for His glory and the general good of others?
6. Read Romans 3:11-18
   1. Scenario: Your friend is an atheist, but he/she is one of the kindest persons you know. How does scripture speak of their kindness? Is their kindness from the Holy Spirit?
7. Tonight we learned that the saved will affirm Biblical truth. In light of living in a culture where believing anything secular is considered satisfactory. How can we be standing for Biblical truth?
   1. Think of common issues that non-believers think are appropriate. How are we affirming scripture in these areas?
8. We saw tonight that the saved are commanded to live within Christian community. Are you making it a priority to live within Christian community?
   1. What is holding you back from going ‘all-in’ with Christian community?
   2. If you are involved in community, what advice can you give others who aren’t?
9. As we persevere, we will encounter difficult times. How can we make our calling sure? What encourages you to keep going?
10. Read 1 Corinthians 15:10
    1. Explain the paradox that this verse teaches. Who worked in Paul?
    2. Why is this significant in our own lives? And how does this cause us to be humble?