

Q U E S T I O N S

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- 1 What most caught your attention in Ron's message on grieving the Holy Spirit?

- 2 Read Paul's words to the Thessalonian believers in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28.
 - A List the pieces of encouragement that Paul gives to these Christians. What do these instructions have in common? If believers acted this way with one another, what would the impact be on the church?

 - B What was Paul's instruction in verse 19? What affect would "quenching" the Spirit have on their ability to pull off the other behaviors described here? What do you think it means to "quench" the Spirit?

- 3 Read together through Ephesians 4:17-32.
 - A What do you find in common here in Ephesians with Paul's words to the Thessalonians?

 - B Why do you think the unity of the Spirit is so important to God and the body of Christ? Why do you think, then, that disunity grieves the Holy Spirit so much?

- 4 We were reminded this weekend that the Holy Spirit is a person - and a person who can be grieved. How does that make you feel that our behavior can affect God in this way?
- 5 Ron mentioned three things that will get our hearts into trouble from Hebrews 3:7-13.
- 1 Hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit and disobeying it,
 - 2 Being ignorant to the ways of God in the first place, and
 - 3 Trying to live out the Christian life alone.
- Talk about some ways that our sin separates us from God, others, or what's true about ourselves.
- 6 What does it say about God that the Holy Spirit doesn't depart when we sin, but rather is "grieved" when we sin? How does it make you feel that those who are in a relationship with Christ as their Lord are "sealed" by the Holy Spirit, assuring our salvation (2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30)? How is this evidence of God's patience and grace with us in our struggles?
- 7 What are some practical ways you can help each other to not grieve the Holy Spirit? How can you strengthen each other to listen to His voice and obey?