Fire in the Fireplace Facilitator Notes



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## These facilitator notes are for Lesson 16: Making Us Like Christ

2 Corinthians 3:16-17 New Revised Standard Version, Anglicized (NRSVA) "The veil – a supernatural veil of darkness, that sense of not understanding, of being hardened to Jesus himself. The Holy Spirit lifts that veil so that we can see him and understand him for who he is."

<sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

## "Ever increasing in us the very same glory we see in Jesus."

- 1. Canon Ashey said our journey to be more like Jesus, "is a long process." "Through an ever increasing way we are becoming more and more like Jesus through the Spirit." What has your journey towards Him been like?
- 2. What has changed in you? How was the process?
- 3. What 'freedom' is the scripture in 2 Cor. referring to?

Optional: I Believe in the Holy Spirit, Michael Green

Chapter 6 – The Spirit in the Individual

The way to holiness (Pages 112-113) "True holiness into which the Spirit calls us, is nothing other than Christlikeness." "The divine presence, concentrated in Christ, and universalized through his death and resurrection, becomes available to transform his people. As we gaze upon the Lord Jesus, worship him, and reflect on his character brought before us in the Gospels, our faces will shine, as Moses' did when he went in to seek the presence of the Lord. But the glory will not fade from the Christian as it did from Moses. It will increase. God's purpose is to change us by his Spirit within us (the word 'change' is used in the Gospels to denote Jesus' transfiguration!): and to change us from one degree of glory to another. Daily Reward (Page 113) "It is the work of the Spirit, himself the Last Man who demonstrates the image of God which God intended for humankind when he originally created us." **Progressive sanctification** (Pages 113-114) "The process of Christlikeness is **a progressive one: let nobody think he has attained it**." "So in our sanctification as in our assurance, there is always an 'already' and a 'not yet' about the work of the Spirit. He is indeed given us to actualize in us the character of Christ: but that process will not be complete until we see him as he is, either at death or the Parousia."