

Persevering in Life Together

Hebrews 10:23-25



An Invitation to the Holy Spirit

O God, the Holy Spirit,
come to us, and among us;
come as the wind, and cleanse us;
come as the fire, and burn;
come as the dew, and refresh;
convict, convert, and consecrate
many hearts and lives
to our great good
and to Thy greater glory;
In Jesus' Name. Amen.



1. Pre-Incident Preparation

Be Vigilant. Stay Alert. Stay Safe.

Bring to our attention if you are suspicious or spot any unusual situation or person

- Persons in places they do not belong
- Departing quickly or acting nervously when seen or approached.
- Over dressed for any type of weather and has unusually stiff mid-section and body movements

- Enquiring about activities and subjects with unusual interest that is beyond the norm
- Annotating maps, drawing of diagrams or taking notes, inappropriate photographs or videos

If and when you observe any of the above, inform our Staff on Duty, Ushers or Volunteers at the Info Counter, **IMMEDIATELY!**

For any clarification, please send your queries to:
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Scenario:

A person during the first Sunday service pulled out a knife and started attacking those seated near him.

Let's assume the incident is just over, in the sense that the attacker has been apprehended and overpowered by police. But two of your members are in hospital with fairly severe injuries. Others have cuts and bruises. Several are in shock. You have a second service scheduled to start in 10 minutes.

What would you do?

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“let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our **hearts sprinkled** from an evil conscience and our **bodies washed with pure water**.

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Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in His grace, and promise to serve Him as your Lord ...

I do.

Do you promise to keep God's holy will and commandments and walk in His path all the days of your life as faithful members of Christ's holy church? **I will.**

Hebrews 10:26-27

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment ...”



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**Does being in an Life Group
guarantee that we will not *waver*?**



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LOVE

- ✓ Do members show **practical** love for one another?
- ✓ Do members share personal struggles **honestly**, so that they can be loved unconditionally?
- ✓ If someone has bad breath and doesn't realize it, would anyone **tell** him?
- ✓ Is your group willing to **confront** a member who is behaving in an ungodly and sinful manner?



GOOD WORKS

- ✓ Is each member growing in the **fruit** of the Spirit? Can it be identified and affirmed by all?



Love

Your word is very pure, therefore Your servant loves it. Psalm 119:140

Faithfulness

You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness and exceeding faithfulness. Psalm 119:138

Peace

Those who love Your law have great peace, and nothing causes them to stumble. Psalm 119:165

Joy

I have inherited Your testimonies forever, for they are the joy of my heart. Psalm 119:111

Kindness

Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart. Proverbs 3:3

Goodness

Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. Psalm 23:6

Gentleness

Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near. Philipians 4:5

Patience

I waited patiently for the LORD; and He inclined to me and heard my cry. Psalm 40:1

Self-Control

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

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- ✓ Is each member growing in the **fruit** of the Spirit? Can it be identified and affirmed by all?
- ✓ Is each member a **blessing** at home and at work/ in school?
- ✓ Is the group **serving** the poor and needy in church, and in our neighborhood?



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2 Corinthians 5:10

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”



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Matthew 24:9-13

“Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, **but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.**

