

Word and Spirit: A Match Made in Heaven

Do Word and Spirit go together in local church life? What does a church, both mature in the word of God and in stewarding the presence and activity of the Holy Spirit, look like? Often churches emphasise one to the exclusion of the other. Is there a better way? Is it possible to combine robust exegesis of scripture with extraordinary manifestations of the Holy Spirit's presence? Might the church in the coming days across Europe experience maturity and fruitfulness in both?

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I. Word of God

- A. Sola scripture / Prima Scripture
- B. Reading and Meditation
- C. Read the 'classics'
- D. The whole counsel of God
- E. Teach beyond your experience
- F. We worship the God of the bible – not the bible!
- G. Recognise the grace on others
- H. Weigh the principle not the observable

II. Holy Spirit

- A. Belief in gifts and ministries of the Holy Spirit

- B. Misuse and mishandling
- C. Cessationism through conviction or hurt?
- D. Life by relationship – word and Spirit
- E. Avoiding prescriptive ideas
- F. Freedom is key
- G. Gifts are situational not possessional
- H. Facilitating the Holy Spirit

Suggested Readings: See Session 1 Notes