CONVICTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT | JOHN 16:7-11

1. Can you recall a time when you sensed that the Holy Spirit was trying to help you see something about your attitude or your behavior that needed to change? What was that like? How did you respond?

2. Pastor Mark suggests that the purpose of the Holy Spirit’s conviction is not to condemn us, but to correct us so that we might experience God’s best for us. Do you think that is true?

3. How can you discern the difference between “good guilt” and “toxic guilt”?

4. How can Pastors, Churches, and Church leaders encourage people to be open to the conviction of the Holy Spirit without making people feel manipulated by toxic guilt?

5. How does our modern culture’s focus on “accepting yourself” “affirming yourself” and “trusting your inner truth” sometimes work against the conviction of the Holy Spirit?

6. Read Hebrews 12:5-6. How does “the Lord’s rebuke” become a pain that leads to gain in our lives?
7. Pastor Mark compares the way Judas and Peter responded to their guilt over betraying Jesus. In what ways were they similar? In what ways were they different?

8. What do you think is the difference between using our past as a school rather than a prison?

9. How can we better allow the Holy Spirit to convict us in a way that leads to growth and spiritual maturity?