

## The Presence of God...A Counter Culture Community

1. Did you draw any cultural similarities between a believer in Christ in the 1<sup>st</sup> century and a believer in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? What were they? Was it more or less difficult then, or now?
  
2. Once believers in Jesus arrived in Priene, where in the city would a person find God's true presence...His genuine fire?
  
3. In Galatians 5:16-25 Paul writes about living in the Spirit of God.
  - a. What happens when God's people live by the fire of his presence?
  
  - b. Are we as believers in Christ seen as the presence of God in our community? Why or why not?
  
  - c. In what ways do people who are not believers recognize God's presence when they come in contact with you? How can you know they have seen God's presence in you?
  
4. Name a couple of specific ways you would like the Spirit of God, as it is visible in your life, to affect your community, your workplace, or your neighborhood?

**1 Corinthians 3: 16-17**....*Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for God's temple is sacred, and you together are that temple.*