

WATCH THE WIND

SERMON STUDY - 6.15.2025

Leader Corner

The Holy Spirit and
the Life of Jesus

Leader Corner: After Christ's baptism, John the Baptist saw the Holy Spirit descend upon Jesus. This was the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. From this point on, Jesus displayed the power of God over temptation, nature, illness, evil and even death itself. What does this tell us about our need for the Holy Spirit to accomplish God's will in our lives?

Main Idea: The Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus.

Main Practice: Leaning on the Spirit

Main Teaching: See the listed scripture references for this lesson.

Connect with Prayer & Praise

Pray over your study time together and pray that the Holy Spirit would be active in your ongoing thoughts, words and actions.

with Principle

1. Discuss with your group anything from the sermon that was new, interesting or thought-provoking to you.
2. Read Isaiah 11:1-2. Here we see the foretelling of the earthly Jesus as the man/God, who will have the Holy Spirit working through Him. Listed in this section are some of God's attributes, His nature and His character. Christ will be God *with* us. Which of these attributes speaks to you the most? (I like wisdom—James 3:13-17 is a favorite scripture.)
3. Read Luke 3:21-22. Here God the Father displays His pleasure and affirmation of Jesus. Where in scripture do we see the Lord's affirmation of those who trust in Jesus? Discuss what this means to you. Helpful scriptures: Romans 8:28-30, Ephesians 1:3-7, Hebrews 11:6, Philippians 1:6, 1 Peter 2:9.
4. Read Luke 4:1-2. In this passage, the power of the Spirit of God to overcome temptation is revealed. Where in scripture do we see this power of the indwelling Christ for followers? See Romans 8:13, 1 Corinthians 10:13, Hebrews 2:18, 4:15, James 1:13, 4:7.
5. Read Luke 4:14-19. Here, the Spirit is presented as the proclaimer of our freedom in Christ. What are some of the freedoms we receive from Jesus? See also John 8:31-36, Romans 6:6-18, 8:1-4, Galatians 5:1+13.
6. Read Hebrews 9:14. Christ's sacrifice of His own sinless life is highlighted here. Where else in scripture are we reminded of the sinless life that Jesus lived? Turn to John 8:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 1 Peter 2:21-22, 1 John 3:5.
7. Read Galatians 4:6-7. WOW! We are adopted children of God. His Holy Spirit is in us! Read the verses that continue; 8+9 and then, as a group, answer Paul's question that ends verse 9.

with Practice

Go around the circle, and have members say which aspects of the Holy Spirit in their lives is most meaningful to them. Next spend some time praying over areas of your life you would like or need the Holy Spirit to intercede.

for Further Study

Read John 16:7. These words of Christ dramatically point to the importance of the Holy Spirit for His followers then and now. Read also John 17:20. How should we incorporate this concept of the importance of the Holy Spirit into our understanding of our Triune God?