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## THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE // PART 10 (Ch. 11)

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## SERMON NOTES:

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place.

When he finished, one of his disciples said to him,  
“Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you;  
seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds;  
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish,  
will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg,  
will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil,  
know how to give good gifts to your children, *how much more will  
your Father in heaven give the **Holy Spirit** to those who ask him!*”

~ Luke 11:1-4, 9-13 (NIV)

## Two Big Ideas:

1. God has given you everything you need to live the life He has called you to live.
2. The degree to which we experience God’s Spirit is dependent on our level of dependence.

**Big Idea #1:**

**God has given you everything you need to live the life  
He has called you to live.**

“But the Advocate, the **Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”  
~ John 14:26 (NIV)

“His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness.”  
~ 2 Peter 1:3 (ESV)

The Holy Spirit...

Counsels us in the way we should go,  
Comforts us in our hurt,  
Convicts us of sin and our need for a Savior,  
Illuminates truth of Scripture,  
Indwells (takes up residence in) us  
as adopted sons and daughters of God,  
Teaches us the wisdom of God,  
Empowers us to resist sin and become more like Jesus,  
Equips us with spiritual gifts to accomplish our life purpose,  
Encourages us with hope and the promises of God,  
Unites the diverse Body of Christ together in community.

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control... Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.  
Since we live by the Spirit, let us **keep in step** with the Spirit.”  
~ Galatians 5:22-25 (NIV)

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**Big Idea #2:**

**The degree to which we experience God's Spirit is dependent on our level of dependence.**

As we empty ourselves, we are filled.

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.  
Instead, be (continually) filled with the Spirit.”

~ Ephesians 5:18 (NIV)

“He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease.”

~ John 3:30 (ESV)

Dependence often requires discomfort.

Lord, I want to surrender \_\_\_\_\_ to experience  
more of your Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_.

“The truth is that the Spirit of the living God is guaranteed to ask you to go somewhere or do something you wouldn't normally want or choose to do. The Spirit will lead you to the way of the cross, as He led Jesus to the cross, and that is definitely not a safe or pretty or comfortable place to be.”  
~ Francis Chan

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## SMALL GROUP RESOURCE PAGE

Each small group is different.

Feel free to adjust and use what best fits your group.

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### WARM UP:

- What's the best gift you ever received from someone?
- Spoken word video on the Gospel of Luke-  
<https://open.life.church/resources/4422-spoken-gospel-luke>

### ENGAGE:

- What was most impactful to you from this weekend's service?
- Have you thought much about the Holy Spirit before? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the Holy Spirit might be a neglected or avoided topic?

### APPLY:

- In what area do you desire to further surrender to God's Spirit at work within you? Where do you want to empty yourself to be further filled by the Spirit?
- What part of the Spirit's work do you desire to experience more? Peace, Power, Purpose, Security, etc. ... how come?
- Read Galatians 5:16-25 ... what habits do you practice to help you walk in step with the Spirit?

### PRAY:

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas that need to be fully surrendered and invite the Spirit to strengthen you to depend on Him.
- Continually pray throughout the day for Holy Spirit "eyes" to see what God is doing around you and to walk in the good works that He has prepared for you.

### GOING DEEPER:

- Suggested Resource - *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan
- Read Ephesians 5:15-20.
- Read Acts 2 for the description of the sending of the Holy Spirit to the early Church.

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