

SERMON

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# LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

## HEAD

- ✚ Jesus is a masterful Teacher par excellence, what He deserves is a people, who are masterful learners and practitioners.
- ✚ Jesus is the example of what a Spirit-filled life looks like, let us move heaven and earth to be a pneumatic people like Him.
- ✚ Jesus inaugurates the Messianic Age characterized by powerful, authoritative WORDS and WORKS, may we expect Jesus to do both in our day, as the Messianic Age advances forward.

– Luke 4:14-21 –



# HEART

- ✚ In what ways can we cultivate the habit of being ‘pneumatic people’ who are as filled, led, and empowered by the Holy Spirit as Jesus was during His earthly ministry?
- ✚ The sermon identifies disciples as both learners and practitioners. Which aspect do you find more challenging in your own discipleship, and why?

– Luke 4:14-21 –



## HEART

- ✚ How does Jesus' regular attendance at synagogue challenge contemporary attitudes toward church attendance, especially among younger generations?
- ✚ What does it mean for the church today to minister to those who are spiritually poor, blind, captive, and oppressed rather than focusing only on physical or social needs?

– Luke 4:14-21 –



## HEART

- ✚ Jesus came home 'in the power of the Spirit' after His temptation rather than limping and bruised. What does this reveal about how spiritual warfare can strengthen rather than diminish us?
- ✚ If Jesus gave a seven-word sermon that was a 'mic drop moment,' what does this teach us about the power of simple, direct proclamation of truth?

– Luke 4:14-21 –



# HANDS

- ✚ Choose 1-2 areas to focus on this week:
- ✚ Worship Attendance
  - ✚ Commit to being present every Sunday this month
  - ✚ Arrive early to prepare your heart for worship
  - ✚ Eliminate distractions (put phone away, focus on the message)

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## HANDS

- ✚ Choose 1-2 areas to focus on this week:
- ✚ Spirit-Filled Living
- ✚ Begin each day asking the Holy Spirit to fill, guide, & empower you
- ✚ Identify one area where you need to surrender control to the Spirit
- ✚ Study what Scripture says about being filled with the Spirit (Ephesians 5:18-21, Galatians 5:16-26)

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# HANDS

- ✚ Choose 1-2 areas to focus on this week:
- ✚ From Sitter to Server
- ✚ Contact a ministry leader this week to explore serving opportunities
- ✚ Commit to one act of service at church this month
- ✚ Pray about your spiritual gifts & how God might use them

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# HANDS

- ✚ Choose 1-2 areas to focus on this week:
- ✚ Learner & Practitioner
- ✚ Commit to reading the daily Bible reading plan
- ✚ Take notes during the sermon & review them during the week
- ✚ Identify 1 truth from this sermon to put into practice this week
- ✚ Consider joining or starting a discipleship group

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# HANDS

- ✚ Choose 1-2 areas to focus on this week:
- ✚ Ministry to the Marginalized
  - ✚ Identify one way you can serve the “poor, captive, blind, or oppressed” in your community
  - ✚ Partner with a local ministry that serves those Jesus prioritized
  - ✚ Pray for opportunities to share the good news with someone who needs hope

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# FIVE DAY DEVOTIONAL

# Day 1: The Power of the Spirit

## Reading: Luke 4:14-15; Acts 1:8


**✦ Devotional:** Jesus returned to Galilee “in the power of the Spirit,” not limping from the wilderness but filled with divine strength. This same Spirit that empowered Christ’s ministry now dwells in you. The question isn’t whether the Spirit is powerful enough, but whether you’re yielding to His control. Like Jesus, you’re called to be a pneumatic person—one whose thoughts, words, and actions align with the Spirit’s leading. Today, the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead lives in you. What would change if you truly believed that? Stop seeing yourself as spiritually inferior to Jesus. The same anointing that rested on Him is available to you. Move heaven and earth to become a Spirit-filled person who thinks, speaks, and acts in divine power.

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## Day 2: The Discipline of Learning

Reading: Luke 4:16; Hebrews 5:12-14


 **Devotional:** “As was his custom, he entered the synagogue on the Sabbath day.” Jesus modeled what discipleship truly requires: consistent learning and worship. A disciple is fundamentally two things—a learner and a practitioner. You cannot claim to follow Jesus while refusing biblical teaching or neglecting regular worship. Our culture craves inspiration over instruction, entertainment over exposition, but Jesus was primarily a teacher, not a showman. His disciples didn’t just hear inspiring talks; they learned His mannerisms, His rhythms, His way of thinking. Are you a masterful listener and practitioner of Jesus’ teaching? Is weekly worship your custom, or just an occasional convenience? True transformation comes not from charismatic performances but from the penetrating precision of God’s Word faithfully taught and consistently practiced.

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## Day 3: Not Just Sitting, But Serving

Reading: Luke 4:16-17; 1 Peter 4:10-11


 **Devotional:** When the opportunity arose, Jesus didn't just sit in the synagogue—He stood up to read and serve. Too many Christians are spiritual leeches, consuming resources without contributing anything, attending without serving. Jesus models a different way. He came not to be served but to serve. The question confronting you today is simple: Are you a sitter or a servant? Do you show up to church only to extract what benefits you, or do you come ready to give, contribute, and build up the body? Your gifts, your time, your presence—these aren't meant for passive consumption but active participation in God's mission. The synagogue needed someone to read Scripture; Jesus volunteered. What need in your church community is God calling you to meet? Stop being a consumer. Become a contributor.

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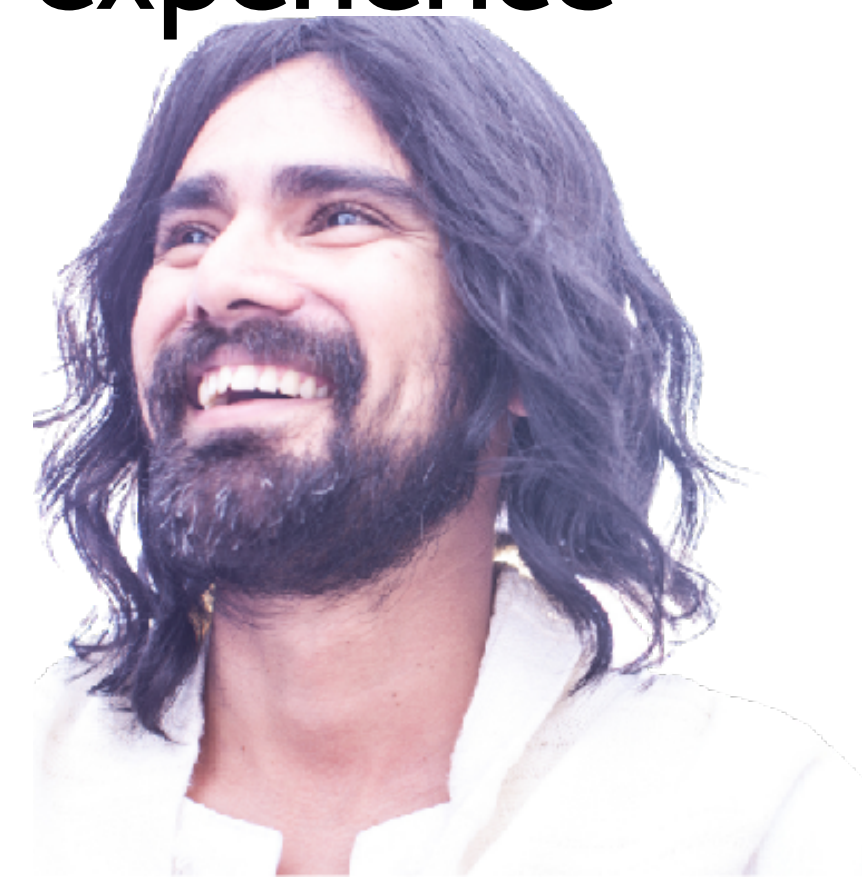


## Day 4: Good News for the Poor

### Reading: Luke 4:18-19; Isaiah 61:1-3


 **Devotional:** Jesus proclaimed His mission: good news to the poor, freedom for captives, sight for the blind, liberty for the oppressed. This isn't merely social reform—it's spiritual revolution. You may be physically imprisoned yet spiritually free. You may be economically poor yet rich in faith. You may never see with physical eyes yet behold glories unimaginable. Jesus inaugurated the year of Jubilee—perpetual salvation, continuous restoration, ongoing reconciliation. This messianic age isn't a future hope alone; it's a present reality. Today, debts are forgiven, chains are broken, sight is restored. The question is whether you recognize your poverty, your captivity, your blindness. Only those who acknowledge their need receive His provision. Are you spiritually poor enough to receive the riches of Christ? Broken enough to experience His healing? Blind enough to receive His sight?

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## Day 5: Today This Scripture Is Fulfilled

Reading: Luke 4:20-21; 2 Corinthians 6:2

 **Devotional:** Seven words in Greek. Nine in English. The shortest sermon in Jesus' ministry, yet the most profound mic drop moment: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Not tomorrow. Not someday. Today. The 700-year-old prophecy found its fulfillment in that very moment. Jesus declared Himself the Anointed One, the Messiah, the inaugurator of salvation's age. What Isaiah foretold, Jesus fulfilled. The waiting was over. The age of favor had begun. This same urgency confronts you today. The Spirit still anoints. The gospel still liberates. The blind still receive sight. The oppressed still find freedom. God's salvation isn't a distant memory or future promise—it's a present reality. Today is the day of salvation. Today the Scripture is fulfilled. Today Jesus offers freedom, healing, restoration. Will you respond today?

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# Closing Prayer

**Closing Prayer:** Heavenly Father, we lift up each person in our group and ask for Your help in fulfilling the commitments they have made. Fill us with Your Holy Spirit and make us a people who are led and empowered by You. We pray that our church would be a place where Your truth is spoken boldly and Your power is displayed through loving service. We also intercede for those who are spiritually poor, captive, blind, or oppressed, asking that You bring freedom, healing, and hope through Christ. Help us to be faithful learners and doers of Your Word, growing in obedience and reflecting Your love in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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