

**Life Group Notes**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

**Speaker:** David Mosimabale

**Title:** Luke: Holy Spirit, Temptation & the Word

**Passage:** Luke 4: 1-15

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God will not call us to live a life or do anything that he has not provided the ability or enablement for. In his wisdom, he made provision for us to live the life he designed for us; through the death and resurrection of Jesus (we receive salvation as a gift) and the infilling of the Holy Spirit (to live a victorious Christian life).

**And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit ...** Who is the Holy Spirit?

He is God himself, the third person in the trinity. We're in the season of the Holy Spirit and you can build a relationship with him. Jesus told his disciples "Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you" John 16: 7. Just as the aeroplane cannot fly without fuel, so also, we as believers cannot fulfil our potential without the Holy Spirit. He is the fuel of the believer.

The manifestation of the Holy Spirit is not limited to speaking in tongues. In Isaiah 11:1-3 we see that he is the Spirit of the Lord, Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge and the Fear of God. He is the Spirit of Joy who fills our heart with gladness even when situations and circumstances suggest otherwise. He enables us to live a victorious Christian life. We will face many afflictions, challenges and difficulties, but the good news is that through the help of the Holy Spirit we receive the strength and grace to go overcome.

**Workings of the Spirit:** He first works in us (internally) and then through us (externally).

1) Internally to overcome the temptations we face in our minds and transforms our character. Zechariah 4: 6 "...Not by power not by might but by my Spirit". In Galatians 5:22, the fruit of the Spirit talks about our character becoming like Jesus.

2) Externally: Isaiah 61: 1 – 3 and Acts 10:38  
The anointing of the Holy Spirit is for good works to serve others

**To overcome temptation, speak the word:** Jesus through the help of the Spirit used the word to overcome temptation. Similarly, we need the help of the Holy Spirit through the word of God to overcome the temptations we face. Every time Jesus was tempted, he spoke the word. When tempted, don't be quiet, speak the word inspired by the Spirit. John 6:63; 2 Peter 1: 19 – 21; Psalm 119:9,11.

**The Holy Spirit + Word = Victory over temptation**

Prayer: Ask for the help of the Holy Spirit (the helper) to enable you to store up His word in your heart.

### **Private ministry before public ministry**

Luke 4:1: And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness

Luke 4:14: And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country.

Notice that Jesus full of the Holy Spirit was led to the wilderness where he gained private victory before his public victories in Luke 4:15. God through the Holy Spirit will shape you in the wilderness (private) so you can represent him well in the public. The anointing of the Spirit upon your life is able to sustain you through whatever temptation you face in the wilderness. The wilderness cannot overcome you if you learn to depend on the Holy Spirit.

#### **Questions:**

1. What spoke to you from the sermon?
2. How have you handled the temptations you faced?
3. How can we practically involve the Holy Spirit in our everyday dealings?
4. Would you like to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Get other believers to pray with you or inform the church office)