

SERIES TITLE: Becoming More Like Jesus

PART THREE: SPIRIT-POWERED LIKE JESUS

TEXT: LUKE 4:14-30

INTRODUCTION.

At this very moment, if your faith is in Christ alone, God is at work shaping you into the image of his Son (Romans 8:29; 2 Corinthians 3:18). One day, in God's presence, you will be fully like him (1 John 3:2). Until that day of perfection, your growth in Christ-likeness won't happen accidentally. It takes intentionality. Through this seven-week study in Luke's Gospel, we are pursuing this together as an assembly of God's people.

DISCUSSION.

Where did you feel the most respected: With family? At work? In your small group or Bible study class? At a store/restaurant/business as a customer? Among your friends?

EXAMINATION.

Vv.14-16

What does this tell us about the source of Jesus' power? How does it relate to v.1, and what happened afterward?

Why would Jesus go teach in Galilee (the region), and then return to Nazareth (his hometown in Galilee)?

From what we learn in other Scriptures, what was it about Jesus' teaching that would cause people to praise him?

Vv.17-21

Compare what Jesus read with Isaiah 61:1-2. Why might he have stopped reading at that point?

How did Jesus fulfill the Scripture he read?

Vv.22-30

What did Jesus say that turned the people's amazement into anger?

APPLICATION.

- What can we learn from this passage about when we need the Spirit's power in our lives?

- If every believer has the Holy Spirit already (Eph. 1:13-14, 1 Cor. 3:16), what does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- What gets in the way of being filled with the Spirit?
- How do you know you are filled with the Spirit? What characterizes your life, and how is that contrasted with not being Spirit-filled?
- How is fear sometimes a factor in hindering our being filled with the Spirit?
- What will you do today to remove things in your life that are limiting the Spirit's power?
- Fact: What is a key truth that you understood from this passage?
- React: What did you feel?
- Act: What are you going to do?