



Home Group Questions

Preaching Series	Holy Spirit: Person, Presence, Power
Preach Title	Holy Spirit in Jesus
Date & Preacher	22/09/19 Tim Cowles
Bible Passage	Luke 3:21-22 & Luke 4:1-14

1) Jesus fasted for 40 days (nearly 6 weeks) - Have you ever fasted before perhaps a meal or a day or more? Did you feel closer to God during this time?

We have a 24-hour prayer day on Saturday (28) - Sunday (29) perhaps as a home group you could choose a time slot to pray and fast a meal together.

2) In 4:1 we read that the Holy Spirit leads Jesus into the wilderness and directly into a place of temptation. Tim used the illustration of a blacksmith tempering a sword to refine and make it stronger through the fire.

What do you think of this example of God leading us into a place where we face temptation?

3a) How do you think you can tell the difference between being led by Holy Spirit into a season or moment of testing versus the general temptation we face living in a sinful world?

3b) Does it make a difference - is there a significance in the purpose of the two?

4) On Sunday Tim suggested three categories for the temptations Jesus faced from the enemy:

- His Humanity verse 3-4
- His Purpose verse 5-8
- His Identity verse 9-13

In each one we see the general characteristics of Holy Spirit as a 'Comforter' but also a particular focus on how he sustains, is trustworthy and affirms.

a) Is there any of the categories above that you find yourself particularly susceptible to lies from the enemy?

b) Read 1 Corinthians 10:13 - if we believe this word to be true (which we do) - do you find it easy to hear or see the way out that God provides?

c) How do you resist the temptations that you face are there any good tips you can share with the group?

Jesus left the Wilderness 'in the power of the Holy Spirit' (he entered 'full of').

Spend some time praying for one and other that as we face trials and temptations we will endure.

Then, that we will be empowered by the Holy Spirit like Jesus was and we would see him moving more powerfully in the everyday moments of our daily lives and that we would have renewed boldness and confidence.