

Water of Life Community Church
THE WONDER OF GOD
WEEK 2
LUKE 3-4

PARTICIPANT GUIDE

ICE BREAKER

PRAYER

WORSHIP

INTRODUCTION

An important part of understanding Jesus is understanding the key role the Holy Spirit played in His ministry. The Spirit's leading was vital in Jesus' ministry. Learning to discern His leading was necessary for Jesus' disciples in His early ministry and is critical for His disciples today. The Holy Spirit helps us know we must resist the temptation to sin and repent from sin when we commit it.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. READ LUKE 3:1-18.

- a. What is the purpose of repentance? How would you explain your experience of repentance to an unbeliever?
- b. Why do Christians, though saved, need to live a lifestyle of ongoing repentance?
- c. What do we miss if we turn away from sin without ever turning toward God?
- d. According to Luke 3:15-16, how was John different from Jesus?
- e. Put John's warning in verse 17 into your own words. Why was this important to note in a conversation about repentance and the coming Messiah?

2. READ LUKE 3:21-22.

- a. Eighteen years had passed since Jesus, at the age of 12, went to the temple and listened to the religious teachers. Why would He choose to go to a river to announce the start of His ministry, rather than back to the temple? Who did He identify himself with through this action?
- b. Why was Jesus baptized, even though He didn't need to repent of His sins?

c. How would you describe to someone who is not familiar with Jesus the importance of Him being both human and divine, and His role as mediator between God and us?

3. READ LUKE 4:1-13.

a. Describe a personal wilderness experience from your life, if you feel comfortable sharing. What are the dangers of a wilderness experience? What are the potential blessings?

b. What did this time of testing prove about Jesus? Why do you think Luke included the account so early in his Gospel? (Read Hebrews 4:15 and Romans 5:12-19 for insight.)

c. Why is knowing and obeying God's Word an effective weapon against temptation?

4. READ LUKE 4:14-44.

a. Which phrase from Isaiah's prophecy that Jesus fulfills stands out to you the most personally (4:18-19)? Why?

b. How did Jesus' hometown respond to Him? How have you seen familiarity with Jesus turn into something negative?

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME

Describe a time when God used your lack in a given area to prove His sufficiency.

What role does the Holy Spirit play in both your daily life and your mission in life?

In what area of life do you need to rely more on the Holy Spirit in the days ahead? How will you do it?

GOING DEEPER/WEEKLY CHALLENGE

REFLECT

- Think about a time in your life where you felt like there was a spiritual battle happening in your life. How did you respond?

RESPOND

- Invite the Holy Spirit to come and empower you this week against the battles you're facing.

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MEMORY VERSE

Luke 3:8a, New International Version (NIV)

Produce fruit in keeping with repentance.

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