

Midweek Study Lesson 09/02/2026

Sunday August 30, 2026

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, Luke 4: 18 - 21

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I. Getting to Know “Yourself”

Reflection: How have you sought after the empowerment of the Holy Ghost in your daily life?

Explain the following points in reference to Sunday’s sermon.

- 1. The Anointing of the Holy Spirit for Ministry –**

- 2. Proclaiming Freedom and Healing –**

- 3. The Year of the Lord’s Favor: Living in God’s Promised Blessing –**

Observation Question:

What are the five specific actions Jesus says He was anointed to do?

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Interpretation Question:

What does the “recovering of sight to the blind” represent, beyond just physical healing?

Application Question:

Dependence on the Spirit replaces self-reliance. In what specific area of your life, your work, your family, or your ministry—are you most tempted to rely on your own strength and strategy? What would it look like to consciously pause and ask for the Spirit’s guidance in that area this week?

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Isaiah 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound;;2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; KJV

Isaiah 50:4 The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. NIV

2Corintheains 6:2 For He says: "IN AN ACCEPTABLE TIME I HAVE HEARD YOU, AND IN THE DAY OF SALVATION I HAVE HELPED YOU." Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. NKJV

Key Takeaways

- The Spirit empowers public ministry

The anointing centers ministry in the presence and power of God rather than human skill or strategy. Spirit-empowerment consecrates, equips, and sustains the work of proclamation among the poor and broken. Expectation of the Spirit changes posture: dependence replaces self-reliance, and endurance replaces mere enthusiasm.

- The Gospel proclaims freedom and healing

Proclamation and power converge: the gospel announces liberation and effects restoration. Deliverance and healed sight indicate spiritual realities that bear out in physical and social restoration. Prayer and faith partner with redemptive grace to invite concrete change in persons and communities.

- God's favor opens present blessing

The "acceptable year" signals that God's mercy and provision break into time, not only awaiting a distant future. Living in that favor shapes hope, work, and witness—seeking spiritual fruit and practical flourishing together. Trust in God's promised future reorients daily decisions toward kingdom priorities.

- Holiness equips us for mission work

Sanctification is vocational, not merely private; separation unto God prepares us for service to others. A holy life clarifies motives, sustains witness, and creates credibility for proclaiming freedom. Discipline in holiness and dependence on the Holy Spirit enable durable, compassionate ministry.