



PART 1: THE ANNOUNCEMENT

Sermon Notes

Text: Luke 1:26-38

Intro:

We will be doing a survey through the gospel of Luke and the book of Acts, following the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the life of Jesus, and later through the activities of the Church.

3 activities of the Holy Spirit in the birth announcement:

1. The Holy Spirit REVEALS God's creative power

Genesis 1:1-2

The conception of the universe was God's act of creation. The conception of Jesus is God's act of new creation.

Acts 1:8

2. The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS God's unfailing word

There is always a connection between the Spirit of God and the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12

Isaiah 55:10-11

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Luke 1:38

3. The Holy Spirit INSPIRES prophetic praise, prayer & proclamation

When you've received or experiences something wonderful, it's impossible to keep it a secret.

Luke 1:46-56

Conclusion:

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Life Group Discussion

Warm up:

1. When you think of the words "Holy Spirit," what do you think about it? If you grew up in church, was the Holy Spirit talked about much? Overemphasized? Underemphasized? Are there things that make you nervous or skeptical when it comes to topics relating to the Holy Spirit?
2. What stood out to you about Sunday's sermon? What was interesting? Confusing? Weird? Thought provoking?

Study & Discussion:

1. Read Luke 1 5-25 & 57-67. What activities of the Holy Spirit do you see in the announcement and conception of John the baptist? What parallel's are there with Jesus' birth announcement?
 - God does not need all the normal ingredients in order to create life. Is there something you are hoping and praying for that seems impossible? Share it with the group, then stop and have people pray for the creative power of the Holy Spirit to come upon you.
2. Read Mary's song (v. 46-56). What stands out to you? How would you have felt if you were Mary? If God suddenly told you that you had to give up all your future plans, because he was going to do something unique in you, how would you react? More like Zechariah (doubt)? or more like Mary (submission)?
3. What do you think Luke is trying to say by making connections between the presence of the Holy Spirit and prophetic praise, prayer and proclamation? Have you experienced this phenomenon yourself?

Prayer: Pray for a fresh experience of the Holy Spirit. Take time after your prayer to ask around the group to see if anyone has a prophetic word to share.

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