



ENTER God's presence

Acts 8:26-27

²⁶ Now an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Go south to the road—the desert road—that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." ²⁷ So he started out, and on his way he met an Ethiopian eunuch, an important official in charge of all the treasury of the Kandake (which means "queen of the Ethiopians"). This man had gone to Jerusalem to worship, ²⁸ and on his way home, was sitting in his chariot reading the Book of Isaiah the prophet. ²⁹ The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Father, May I be so open to the leading of your Spirit, that I may be ready to carry Your Good News to those who are seeking it. Amen.



SHARE life together

1. **Where have you seen God's power at work in your life this last week?**
2. **What do you have to be thankful for?**
3. **What are the 'deathly things' that weigh you down?**
 - a. What kills your spirit
 - b. What gives life, for example:
(Philippians 4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.)

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Sunday 30th January 2022

Series Theme: Zero Gravity
Part 5



VERSE for the week

The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

Luke 4:14-24



REMEMBER this week

The Spirit of God will stir you out of your status quo, and into the places he is calling you today.



LISTEN attentively

Read Luke 4:14-24

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,

¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour."

²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked.

²³ Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself!' And you will tell me, 'Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'"

²⁴ "Truly I tell you," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown."

- 4. What do you hear this scripture saying to you right now?**
- 5. What do Luke's words say about Jesus?**



GROW deeper

- 6. Share how you went with your living purposefully from last time?**

Own today's Bible verse. Retell Luke 3:16-22 in your own words.

- 7. Each person shares in their own words.**
- 8. What is God doing for you in these verses?**
- 9. What do these verses say about what he is doing for his church?**



LIVE purposefully

- 10. How will you respond to the Bible verses this week? What pattern of thinking and behaviour can you begin to pursue as a disciple of Jesus? How can you develop this Gospel impact in the lives of others?**

Idea

- **As a child of God, healed, redeemed, and called, write your own vision and mission statements. Seek God's purpose and meaning for your life.**



PRAY intentionally

- Praise God for the Movement he creates in your heart and in his church in the world.
- Thank and praise God for all your experiences of him in Word, Sacrament and experience.
- Invite Jesus, once more, to restore you along with all of his Church according to his original plans and fill you again with his Holy Spirit and His power to do the work he has called you to do.
- Ask the Father to give you some one (or two or three) to pray for, asking the Father to draw them to him, so they too may have the peace and lightness of buoyancy. (John 6:44,45)
- Intercede for the peace of God and rest for all those who continue to put their own health and safety on the line during this pandemic – especially hospital and medical staff.
- Pray for those who have lost loved ones in any circumstance. Ask that they would receive comfort and a deep knowledge of God's grace as he sits with them, sharing in their grief.
- Check the prayer list in LifeWay News and pray accordingly.
- Pray for wisdom, knowledge and understanding for leaders in every place.
- Thank God for all the gifts he has given you to share and to minister to others with love.
- **LifeWay local mission** work in Newcastle and region, Epping, Penrith, Wollongong, Oak Flats and Nowra.
- **LifeWay International Mission** work in Cambodia and India
- ***That God will move us into greater faith and trust in the work of his Spirit and into the acceptance of his signs and wonders among us; that more would believe and be saved.***
- Ask God to reveal the people of peace in our community that he wants us to go out to.
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest.

(This has become known as the Luke 10:2 prayer)

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BLESS one another

You might like to address one person in your group and make the sign of the cross in the air as you say...

[Name], You are the Lord's servant, may his word to you be fulfilled. Amen.