

FOLLOW CLOSELY

in Christ's Foundations

FOLLOW CLOSELY ...IN THE SPIRIT'S POWER

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Introduction:

Big Idea: In the _____ of the Spirit, bring _____ to Jesus by _____ the good news about him to those who _____ to hear it most.

In the _____ of the Spirit...

...bring _____ to Jesus...

In the power of the Spirit, bring glory to Jesus...

...by _____ the good news about him ...

- ◆ Jesus is the _____ of the gospel message.
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Four Types of Poverty that Jesus Alleviates:

(from the book "When Helping Hurts" by Fikkert and Corbett)

1. _____:
2. _____:
3. _____:
4. _____:

...to those who _____ to hear it most.



Personal Reflection and Application:**1. In the Power of the Spirit:**

Am I applying all that I have been learning about the Holy Spirit? Am I increasing in my awareness of his presence with me, relying on his power at work in and through me, and participating in his purposes for me?

2. Bring glory to Jesus:

Have I stopped to simply be in awe at the glory of Jesus? When was the last time my view of his glory increased? Am I settling for a small awareness of his glory in my life?

3. By Proclaiming the good news about him:

Do I know the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ? When was the last time I shared it with someone else? How can I look for an opportunity to share the good news about Jesus with those around me in the coming days?

4. To those who need to hear it most:

Is there anyone in my life who doesn't know Jesus and is clearly becoming aware of their poverty of being, community, stewardship, or spiritual intimacy? How can I move toward those who are physically and spiritually poor, captive, blind, and oppressed to proclaim the good news of Jesus into their lives and care for them as a whole person (physical and spiritual)?

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) Read Luke 1:15, 1:35, 1:41, 1:67, 2:25-27, 3:16, 3:22, 4:1, 4:14, and 4:18. What does Luke seem to be emphasizing in this section and why is that important?
- 2) Read Luke 3:14-15. In what ways can the Spirit of God help us bring glory to Jesus?
- 3) Read Isaiah 58:1-12, 61:1-2, and Luke 3:18-19. How did Jesus, as the Messiah, succeed where God's people failed?
- 4) Considering Isaiah 58:1-12, how will the Spirit lead us to follow Jesus closely in his proclamation of good news to those who are most aware of their need for him?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss your heart toward the lost and pray for God to work in and through you to express his heart toward them. Pray for one another and point each other to Jesus as the initiator and the center of our proclamation and the one who will receive all glory from it.