

SERMON NOTES

July 11 & 12, 2026

The Holy Spirit Series: Guidance Luke 3-4

The Holy Spirit guides us:

John 16:13 | Luke 3:21-22 | Luke 4:1-3, 13-34

1. By speaking to us _____.

Luke 3:21-22

- in _____ and _____.

2. By reminding us _____.

Luke 3:22

- The guidance of the Holy Spirit is not primarily _____, it is primarily _____.

3. By leading us to _____.

Luke 4:1-2

- We will _____ until we confront and name our demons.

4. By speaking to us _____.

Luke 4:4

- Scripture is the Holy Spirit's _____.

Deuteronomy 8:3 | Hebrews 4:12

5. By empowering us _____.

Luke 4:14 | 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

- The holy spirit will _____ our weakness to _____.

Life Steps

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Monday

John 16:7-13

Reflect: The Holy Spirit will come to help, convict, and “guide you into all the truth.” What does “guide you into all the truth” mean to you? What was your primary takeaway from our last message from The Holy Spirit Series?

Prayer: Set a 2-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Tuesday

Luke 3: 21-22

Reflect: The Holy Spirit guides us when we pray. According to Luke, what three things happened while Jesus was praying? When you pray, do you spend more time talking and asking or listening and being with God? Why do you think that is?

Prayer: Set a 3-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Wednesday

Luke 3:22

Reflect: The Holy Spirit guides us by reminding us we are loved. This experience takes place as Jesus is beginning his ministry. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to hear this affirmation from God at this time? As you think about all you have on your plate and pending decisions to be made, how does the reminder that you are loved by God impact your ability to move forward?

Prayer: Set a 4-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Thursday

Luke 4:1-2

Reflect: The Holy Spirit guides us to confront our demons. Why do you think the Holy Spirit led Jesus into the wilderness instead of away from it? What are the demons, thoughts, and voices in your head that prevent you from living the abundant life God designed for you?

Prayer: Set a 5-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Friday

Luke 4:1-13

Reflect: The Holy Spirit guides us through Scripture. Jesus had spent hours meditating and reflecting upon God’s word, so he was armed with the “sword of the Spirit” when guidance was needed. Do you regularly read and meditate on the Word of God, or do you do emergency searches when needing a quick answer? What is your next step when it comes to meditating on God’s Word?

Prayer: Set a 6-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Saturday

Luke 4:14

Reflect: The Holy Spirit guides us by empowering us in our weakness. After 40 days of fasting, prayer, and confronting the evil one, Jesus was tired and hungry but empowered. How have you experienced God’s power at work in you when you were weak? (2 Corinthians 12:7-10) What is the lesson from that experience that you will hold onto and rely upon when future guidance is needed?

Prayer: Set a 7-minute timer. Sit in solitude and silence, listening and being aware of the presence of God. Record how long you were able to be focused on God without getting fidgety or distracted. Journal or tell someone what the experience was like. Record the guidance you received.

Sunday

Revelation 3:20

Reflect: God deeply desires a relationship with you. He left heaven and came to earth to knock on the door of your life. How would you describe the current state of your relationship with God? What makes relationships in general so complicated?

Prayer: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, thank you for modeling what a perfect relationship looks like. As we begin this new message series, help me grow in love for others, even when things get complicated.