



WHAT'S IN YOUR HOUSE?

Small Groups Study

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Wk8 Holy Spirit

WARM UP: How many different types of oil are in your house? What are their purposes?

CONTEXT: If you were to go through your house, you would find oil in the bathroom, bedroom, kitchen, and the garage. We use it for almost everything from skin care to cooking and making our car run smoothly. It provides light and heat. It soothes and heals. Without it, our lives would be in constant friction and a whole lot tougher. The same thing is true when it comes to the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Throughout scripture, oil was symbolic of the empowering of God for ministry, service, healing, wisdom, and revelation.

BIBLE STUDY: Following Jesus' temptation in the wilderness and his baptism by John, he returned to his hometown of Nazareth. He goes to the temple to worship and is asked to read from the scroll of Isaiah.

READ LUKE 4:14-21

1. Why do you suppose Jesus chose to read this passage? What message was he trying to communicate?
2. In verse 18, Jesus makes it clear that it is the Spirit who anoints and empowers one for ministry. Is this anointing only for those who are in public ministry? Why or why not?
3. **Psalm 23:5.** If the Lord is your Shepherd, you have the anointing of the Spirit for ministry and service. How has the Spirit anointed and empowered you for ministry?

DISCUSSION FROM THE MESSAGE: READ 2 KINGS 4:1-8

1. This morning Pastor Steve said, ***"If you are praying for a breakthrough, you need to know what's in your house."*** Why? What reason did he give?
2. This morning Pastor Steve said, ***"Trouble has a way of blinding us."*** Has trouble ever kept you from seeing what was in your spiritual house?
3. This morning Pastor Steve said, ***"In the midst of your trouble, you need to increase your capacity."*** How hard is this?
4. This morning Pastor Steve said, ***"If you come to God with a thimble capacity, don't expect Him to pour out a river."*** How often do Christians underestimate our Supplier's ability to meet their needs? How often do you?

ACT ON IT: Most people make the mistake of trying to hold in what they should be pouring out. If you want more, you've got to make room for God to pour in. Let it flow!