

## Friday

Please read Acts 1:8 & Galatians 5:16–26. God is so good to us. He has not left us alone to try and live the kingdom's priorities in our own strength; He has given us the Holy Spirit. According to Acts, what is one of the main results of the Spirit's power in our life?

"Living in the power of the Spirit" can seem so vague, and even odd. According to the Galatians passage, what attitudes will be present in your life when you're living in the power of the Spirit.

*Thank God today for the ministry of the Holy Spirit. Pray that you will be aware of the Spirit's work in your life. Pray for a willingness to live in the Spirit's power and not your own. Ask God to teach you about living a life in the Spirit.*

## Saturday

Please read Colossians 1:10–14. How do these verses encourage you today? What do these verses say about living like Jesus?

*Thank God today for the opportunity to study the Bible. Pray you will live a life worthy of the calling you have received from God. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that many of the people who visited on Easter weekend will return.*

# Life Like Jesus

## Living Like Jesus

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### How do I live like Jesus?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" *Mark 1:14–15 (NIV)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_

• Christ's calling: \_\_\_\_\_

"The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near." *Mark 1:15a*

• What is the Kingdom?: \_\_\_\_\_

... your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *Matthew 6:10*

He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. And he stood up to read. The scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." *Luke 4:16–19*

"... Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." *Luke 4:21b*

[Jesus] said, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because **that is why I was sent.**" *Luke 4:43*

3. \_\_\_\_\_

"As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." *John 20:21b*

"But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well." *Luke 12:31*

• Live for the \_\_\_\_\_

- \_\_\_\_\_ preach good news to the poor
- \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim freedom for the prisoners
- \_\_\_\_\_ recovery of sight for the blind
- \_\_\_\_\_ release the oppressed
- \_\_\_\_\_ proclaim the year of the Lord's favor

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and approved by men.

*Romans 14:17–18*

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- Live in the \_\_\_\_\_

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me...” *Luke 4:18a*

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses...” *Acts 1:8a*

And we pray...that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

*Colossians 1:10–14*

## Daily Meditations

*Brief daily reflections throughout the week*

### Monday

Please read Mark 1:14–15. Write down one thing that stood out to you from last weekend’s sermon and why.

How does Jesus want us to respond to His call?

How is this an on-going response?

Write down three ways responding to His call has changed (or maybe could change) your life.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

*Thank God today that His call is open to all. Thank Him for the people He has put in your life that helped you to hear His call. Ask God to help you continue to live a life that is marked by repentance and belief.*

### Tuesday

Please read Matthew 6:10 & Luke 4:16–21, 43. What did you learn about the kingdom of God in last weekend’s sermon?

According to Matthew 6, what should your attitude be towards God’s will and God’s kingdom? Practically, what does that look like in your daily life?

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In Luke 4:18–19, review how Jesus describes His mission. How has His mission been fulfilled in your life?

*Thank God today for the Kingdom of God. Thank Him for the way He is working in our church. Pray the prayer of Matthew 6:10, “Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it in heaven.” Pray that your heart will live with that expectation and willingness.*

### Wednesday

Please read Luke 12:29–34 & John 20:19–21. According to these verses, what call has God put on your life?

How does it encourage you to know that God has called you?

How does the Luke passage tell us to live in order to keep our focus on our call?

According to John 20, what does Jesus give us to empower us? How does this encourage you?

*Thank God today for His love and the gift of His peace. Thank Him for wanting to give you a place in His kingdom. Talk to God about the things that tend to distract you from following God’s call. Pray that you will grow in your understanding and love for the kingdom of God.*

### Thursday

Please reread Luke 4:16–19 & read Romans 14:17–19. List five priorities of God’s kingdom you see in these passages:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

The Romans passage points out an interesting fact, the kingdom’s priorities are not designed to tell us exactly how to live, but they are to infiltrate all our decisions. Think about two decisions you are currently facing. How can the priorities of the kingdom inform your decisions?

*Thank God today for His grace. Talk to Him about the decisions you’re facing. Pray for wisdom to know how to live out the kingdom’s priorities in those decisions.*



**Memory Verse**

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*Romans 14:17–18 (NIV)*