

The Gospel of Luke – The Acts of the Apostles

The Theme of Proclamation by the Spirit: Leader’s Notes

Purpose & Summary

This series of studies was designed for use with college students in InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. It serves several purposes. First, it is an encouragement to students and staff to cultivate their speaking gifts. While serving gifts are important, the ability to speak with conviction and power is essential to spiritual leadership. Second, it is an introduction to a more systematic technique of studying biblical narrative. It consists of a complete set of notes including illustrations, intro questions, and inductive study questions on various passages out of Luke’s Gospel. It encourages creative ways to illustrate the bible study and make it accessible, such as using songs, movie clips, references to literature, art, etc. In fact, it uses movie-going terms for the bible study process itself. These suggestions are only starting points to encourage further creativity from the bible study leader.

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Questions

1. How long has it been since the last prophet spoke to Israel?
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Questions

1. What was the role of the Spirit in Jesus’ birth? Does that suggest anything about Jesus’ genes?
2. When does Jesus baptize people with the Holy Spirit and fire? Pentecost.
3. Why does Jesus get baptized?
4. Why does the Spirit come upon Jesus at his baptism?
 - a. Did Jesus lack the Spirit before his baptism?
 - b. What does God quote at Jesus’ baptism? Psalm 2:7

Soundtrack/Background Music: God’s Anointed King

- Psalm 2:7 I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me, “**You are my Son;** today I have become your Father. 8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.”
- c. When was the Psalm quoted in Israel’s history? At the coronation of a new Davidic king.
 - d. Over how many nations was the Davidic king expected to rule? All.
 - e. With what does God anoint Jesus to be king of all nations? The Spirit
5. Who was the first son of God invested with the Spirit of God? Adam.
 6. What does that imply about why the Spirit conceived Jesus? The Spirit has marked out Jesus as God’s new humanity.

7. Prior to Jesus, who did the Spirit lead around in the wilderness? Israel. What does that imply about how the Spirit is acting through Jesus? Jesus is the new Israel.
8. Comment: So the Spirit has marked out Jesus as God's new humanity, the new Israelite, the king of Israel and all the nations.
9. (optional, on 'baptism of the Holy Spirit') What does baptism mean? The term baptism comes from two main places in the classical Greek world.
 - a. The first use of the word is the garment business. Baptism comes from the root word "bapto," which in secular Greek meant, "to dip," or "to cause to change." In order to make clothes a certain color, you needed to dip your cloth in that dye. Then it was brought out and the cloth was said to have been baptized.
 - b. The second place is a ceremony that existed in some of the other religions of that day, both Jewish and Gentile. Usually in the ceremony, a person would be dunked in water, or buried up to his or her head in earth. That would symbolize a death. Then the rebirth would happen as the person was pulled out. Theoretically, in Jewish baptisms, a man was so completely new that he could marry his own sister or his own mother. And in other places, people would be spoon-fed milk because they were like new babies.
 - c. So, this term denotes a single life-changing event, not an ongoing series of events. It refers to the participation of a person in the death and resurrection of Jesus by faith and by the Spirit (e.g. Rom.6:1-11). While it is certainly true that we grow subsequently in the Holy Spirit, and may experience different gifts much later after conversion, the phrase 'baptism of the Holy Spirit' as used by Luke refers to the transformation of a person's identity by dying and rising with Jesus, and simultaneously, her/his entrance into the new life of Jesus. For the apostles, this occurred at Pentecost, and for some disciples of John the Baptist (Acts 19), this happened upon full knowledge of the gospel; but this is not meant to be segmented off. For most believers subsequently, it happens upon conversion (e.g. Cornelius).
10. What is the first thing Jesus does in "the power of the Spirit"? He speaks.
11. What does the Spirit anoint Jesus to do? Preach.
12. What is the first proclamation of ministry the Spirit does through Jesus? Restoration of all humanity.
13. What does Jesus' spirit go when he dies? Are Jesus' spirit and the Holy Spirit the same thing?
14. What do you expect Jesus' spirit to do now? Will it return?

Foreground Action: The Disciples Awaiting the Holy Spirit

Lk.6:45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil, for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Lk.11:1 And it came about that while he was praying in a certain place, after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples"... 9 And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. 11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead, will he? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

Lk.12:11 And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become anxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

Lk.24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you, but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Questions

1. Discuss the ways in which our theme continues. How is speaking associated with the Spirit?
2. In 11:1-13, what is the relationship between prayer and the Holy Spirit?
3. In 12:10-12 and 24:45-49, what kinds of things (generally) will the Spirit say through the disciples?

Foreground Action: The Spirit Speaking Through the Disciples

Acts 1:4 And gathering them together, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," he said, "you heard of from me, for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." And so when they had come together, they were asking him, "Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is not for you to know times and epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because there were each one hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and marveled, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear them in our own language to which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 10 Cretans and Arabs – we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God." 12 And they continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13 But others were mocking and saying, "They are full of sweet wine." 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, "Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 "And it shall be in the last days," God says, "that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy."

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers and elders of the people..."

Acts 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, "O Lord, it is Thou...25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say...[Ps.2]"

Acts 4:31 And they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife's full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles' feet. 3 But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. 6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. 7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter responded to her, "Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?" And she said, "Yes, that was the price." 9 Then Peter said to her, "Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried

your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well.” 10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

Acts 6:2 And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. 6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them. 7 The word of God kept on spreading; and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. 10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; 56 and he said, “Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

Acts 8:29 And the Spirit said to Philip, “Go up and join this chariot.” 30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” And he said, “Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this...35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, “He is the Son of God.”

Acts 10:19 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him...

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

Acts 11:22 And they sent Barnabus off to to Antioch. 23 Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord, 24 for he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Acts 11:27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabus and Saul to the elders.

Acts 13:2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, ‘Set apart for me Barnabus and Saul for the work to which I have called them.’

Acts 13:9 But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him [Elymas the magician], 10 and said, “You who are full of all deceit and fraud...”

Acts 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. 14:1 And it came about that in Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.

Acts 16:6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

Acts 18:24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him, and when he had arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace; for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. 19:1 And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, and he said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” 2 And they said to him, “No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit.” 3 And he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” And they said, “Into John’s baptism.” 4 And Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus.” 5 And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

Acts 20:16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. 17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. 26 Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothes. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me. 35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ 36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, 38 grieving especially over the

word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship.

Acts 21:1 When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo. 4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem. 5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. 6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again. 7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day. 8 On the next day, we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. 10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, 'This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' 12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, 'What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.' 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, 'The will of the Lord be done!'

Acts 28:24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. 25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, 'The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, 26 saying...

Questions, General

1. What happens when the Spirit comes upon the disciples? What kinds of things do they say?
2. Weigh and assess the following views based on the passages above. 'Being filled with the Holy Spirit' is most precisely:
 - a. A quiet experience where you are reassured of your personal, individual salvation
 - b. An individual ecstatic experience where being understood by others is not important
 - c. A ministry experience where you coherently communicate the word of the Lord and others understand it (on a verbal level – they may or may not appropriate it or comprehend it on a spiritual level)
3. What is prophetic speech?
4. How is prophetic speech in the ministry of Christians by the Spirit related to the ministry of Jesus?
5. Discuss how Spirit-inspired speech is involved in the following, and what the impact is:
 - a. Prayer and blessing (e.g. Elizabeth, Zacharias, Simeon)
 - b. Praying and healing/exorcism (e.g. Jesus, disciples)
 - c. Speaking in tongues (e.g. disciples at Pentecost)
 - d. Explaining how the Old Testament has been fulfilled (e.g. Peter)
 - e. Witnessing to Christ while on trial (e.g. Stephen)
 - f. Evangelism (e.g. Philip)
 - g. Encouragement and exhortation (e.g. Barnabus)
 - h. Teaching (e.g. Paul, Ephesian elders)
 - i. How the future impacts ministry strategy and choices (e.g. Agabus) Comment: It may be confusing that Paul in Acts 20 heard the Spirit telling him to go to Jerusalem, but the disciples in Acts 21 heard the Spirit telling him not to go. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will speak both sides of God's heart (e.g. God wants the mission to go forward, but also grieves the suffering borne by the messenger), but not His absolute will (e.g. should Paul go or not?). Sometimes there is a mysterious process of discernment as we move from God's heart to God's will.
6. How has your speech or ability to speak changed since the Spirit of Jesus came to live in you?
7. How would you like the Spirit of Jesus to increase your ability to speak and communicate?

8. Pray to speak prophetically, or more than you do currently. Are you comfortable with that? Why or why not?

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Lk.11:1 And it came about that while he was praying in a certain place, after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John also taught his disciples"... 9 And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you. 10 For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it shall be opened. 11 Now suppose one of you fathers is asked by his son for a fish; he will not give him a snake instead, will he? 12 Or if he is asked for an egg, he will not give him a scorpion, will he? 13 If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

Lk.12:10 And everyone who will speak a word against the Son of Man, it shall be forgiven him, but he who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him 11 And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not become anxious about how or what you should speak in your defense, or what you should say; 12 for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.

Lk.24:45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah should suffer and rise again from the dead the third day, 47 and that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. 49 And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you, but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

The Spirit Speaking Through the Disciples

Acts 1:4 And gathering them together, he commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," he said, "you heard of from me, for John baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." And so when they had come together, they were asking him, "Lord, is it at this time you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?" 7 He said to them, "It is

not for you to know times and epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

Acts 2:1 And when the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent, rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance. Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were bewildered, because there were each one hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and marveled, saying, “Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear them in our own language to which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea, and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya around Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 10 Cretans and Arabs – we hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God.” 12 And they continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others were mocking and saying, “They are full of sweet wine.” 14 But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven, raised his voice and declared to them, “Men of Judea, and all you who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give heed to my words. 15 For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day; 16 but this is what was spoken of through the prophet Joel: 17 “And it shall be in the last days,” God says, “that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams, even upon My bondslaves, both men and women, I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy.”

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers and elders of the people...”

Acts 4:24 And when they heard this, they lifted their voices to God with one accord and said, “O Lord, it is Thou...25 who by the Holy Spirit, through the mouth of our father David Thy servant, didst say...[Ps.2]”

Acts 4:31 And they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 5:1 But a man named Ananias, with his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property, 2 and kept back some of the price for himself, with his wife’s full knowledge, and bringing a portion of it, he laid it at the apostles’ feet. 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back some of the price of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not under your control? Why is it that you have conceived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God.” 5 And as he heard these words, Ananias fell down and breathed his last; and great fear came over all who heard of it. 6 The young men got up and covered him up, and after carrying him out, they buried him. 7 Now there elapsed an interval of about three hours, and his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. 8 And Peter responded to her, “Tell me whether you sold the land for such and such a price?” And she said, “Yes, that was the price.” 9 Then Peter said to her, “Why is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Behold, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out as well.” 10 And immediately she fell at his feet and breathed her last, and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. 11 And great fear came over the whole church, and over all who heard of these things.

Acts 6:2 And the twelve summoned the congregation of the disciples and said, “It is not desirable for us to neglect the word of God in order to serve tables. 3 But select from among you, brethren, seven men of good reputation, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this task. 4 But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.” 5 The statement found approval with the whole congregation; and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch. 6 And these they brought before the apostles; and after praying, they laid their hands on them. 7 The word of God kept on spreading;

and the number of the disciples continued to increase greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were becoming obedient to the faith. 8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But some men from what was called the Synagogue of the Freedmen, including both Cyrenians and Alexandrians, and some from Cilicia and Asia, rose up and argued with Stephen. 10 But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which he was speaking.

Acts 7:55 But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God; 56 and he said, "Behold, I see the heavens opened up and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."

Acts 8:29 And the Spirit said to Philip, "Go up and join this chariot." 30 And when Philip had run up, he heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, "Do you understand what you are reading?" And he said, "Well, how could I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of Scripture which he was reading was this...35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 9:17 And Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus...has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 And immediately there fell from his eyes something like scales, and he regained his sight, and he arose and was baptized; 19 and he took food and was strengthened. Now for several days he was with the disciples who were in Damascus, 20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues saying, "He is the Son of God."

Acts 10:19 While Peter was reflecting on the vision, the Spirit said to him...

Acts 10:44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening to the message. 45 And all the circumcised believers who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out upon the Gentiles also. 46 For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God.

Acts 11:22 And they sent Barnabus off to Antioch. 23 Then when he had come and witnessed the grace of God, he rejoiced and began to encourage them all with resolute heart to remain true to the Lord, 24 for he was a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and faith.

Acts 11:27 Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. 28 And one of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world. And this took place in the reign of Claudius. 29 And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea. 30 And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabus and Saul to the elders.

Acts 13:2 And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabus and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'

Acts 13:9 But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him [Elymas the magician], 10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud..."

Acts 13:51 But they shook off the dust of their feet in protest against them and went to Iconium. 52 And the disciples were continually filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit. 14:1 And it came about that in Iconium they entered the synagogue of the Jews together, and spoke in such a manner that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and of Greeks.

Acts 16:6 They passed through the Phrygian and Galatian region, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and after they came to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, and the Spirit of Jesus did not permit them; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas.

Acts 18:24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by birth, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus, and he was mighty in the Scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he was speaking and teaching accurately the things concerning Jesus, being acquainted only with the baptism of John; 26 and he began to speak out boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he wanted to go across to Achaia, the brethren encouraged him and wrote to the disciples to welcome him, and when he had arrived, he helped greatly those who had believed through grace; for he powerfully refuted the Jews in public, demonstrating by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ. 19:1 And it came about that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found some disciples, and he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" 2 And they said to him, "No, we have not even heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" And they said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus." 5 And when they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues and prophesying.

Acts 20:16 For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be in Jerusalem, if possible, on the day of Pentecost. 17 From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called to him the elders of the church. 18 And when they had come to him, he said to them, You yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, how I was with you the whole time, 19 serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials which came upon me through the plots of the Jews; 20 how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, 21 solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, bound by the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit solemnly testifies to me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I know that all of you, among whom I went about preaching the kingdom, will no longer see my face. 26 Therefore, I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. 27 For I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. 28 Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. 29 I know that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves men will arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears. 32 And now I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. 33 I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes. 34 You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my own needs and to the men who were with me. 35 In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.' 36 When he had said these things, he knelt down and prayed with them all. 37 And they began to weep aloud and embraced Paul, and repeatedly kissed him, 38 grieving especially over the word which he had spoken, that they would not see his face again. And they were accompanying him to the ship.

Acts 21:1 When we had parted from them and had set sail, we ran a straight course to Cos and the next day to Rhodes and from there to Patara; 2 and having found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, we went aboard and set sail. 3 When we came in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left, we kept sailing to Syria and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload its cargo. 4 After looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem. 5 When our days there were ended, we left and started on our journey, while they all, with wives and children, escorted us until we were out of the city. After kneeling down on the beach and praying, we said farewell to one another. 6 Then we went on board the ship, and they returned home again. 7 When we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais, and after greeting the brethren, we stayed with them for a day. 8 On the next day, we left and came to Caesarea, and entering the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we

stayed with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters who were prophetesses. 10 As we were staying there for some days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. 11 And coming to us, he took Paul's belt and bound his own feet and hands, and said, 'This is what the Holy Spirit says: 'In this way the Jews at Jerusalem will bind the man who owns this belt and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.' 12 When we had heard this, we as well as the local residents began begging him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, 'What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart? For I am ready not only to be bound, but even to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus.' 14 And since he would not be persuaded, we fell silent, remarking, 'The will of the Lord be done!'

Acts 28:24 Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. 25 And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, 'The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, 26 saying...

Questions, General

1. What happens when the Spirit comes upon the disciples? What kinds of things do they say?
2. Weigh and assess the following views based on the passages above. 'Being filled with the Holy Spirit' is most precisely:
 - a. A quiet experience where you are reassured of your personal, individual salvation
 - b. An individual ecstatic experience where being understood by others is not important
 - c. A ministry experience where you coherently communicate the word of the Lord and others understand it (on a verbal level – they may or may not appropriate it or comprehend it on a spiritual level)
3. What is prophetic speech?
4. How is prophetic speech in the ministry of Christians by the Spirit related to the ministry of Jesus?
5. Discuss how Spirit-inspired speech is involved in the following, and what the impact is:
 - a. Prayer and blessing (e.g. Elizabeth, Zacharias, Simeon)
 - b. Prayer and healing/exorcism (e.g. Jesus, disciples)
 - c. Speaking in tongues (e.g. disciples at Pentecost)
 - d. Explaining how the Old Testament has been fulfilled (e.g. Peter)
 - e. Witnessing to Christ while on trial (e.g. Stephen)
 - f. Evangelism (e.g. Philip)
 - g. Encouragement and exhortation (e.g. Barnabus)
 - h. Teaching and correcting (e.g. Paul, Ephesian elders)
 - i. How the future impacts ministry strategy and choices (e.g. Agabus) Comment: It may be confusing that Paul in Acts 20 heard the Spirit telling him to go to Jerusalem, but the disciples in Acts 21 heard the Spirit telling him not to go. Sometimes the Holy Spirit will speak both sides of God's heart (e.g. God wants the mission to go forward, but also grieves the suffering borne by the messenger), but not His absolute will (e.g. should Paul go or not?). Sometimes there is a mysterious process of discernment as we move from God's heart to God's will.
6. How has your speech or ability to speak changed since the Spirit of Jesus came to live in you?
7. How would you like the Spirit of Jesus to increase your ability to speak and communicate?
8. Pray to speak prophetically, or more than you do currently. Are you comfortable with that? Why or why not?

The Gospel of Luke – The Acts of the Apostles

The Theme of the Holy Spirit and Speech: Manuscript Handout (shorter)

Old Testament Patterns: The Spirit and Speech

- And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. (Genesis 1:2 – 3)
- Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to [Moses], and He took of the Spirit who was upon him and placed Him upon the seventy elders. And it came about that when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. (Numbers 11:25)
- And it will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all humankind, and your sons and daughters will prophesy. (Joel 2:28)
- The hand of the LORD was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley, and it was full of bones...He said to me, “Prophesy over these bones...” (Ezekiel 37:1ff.)

Luke’s Gospel and Acts: High Level Structure

	At the Beginning of the Story,	A Major Leader	Quotes from the OT	To Summarize How the Spirit Will Empower Proclamation	And then it Happens!
Luke	Luke 4	Jesus	Isaiah 61	‘The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to preach...to proclaim... ’ (Luke 4:18 – 19)	Jesus preaches and proclaims. (Luke 4:20ff.)
Acts	Acts 2	Simon Peter	Joel 2	‘And it shall be in the last days that I will pour forth of My Spirit on all mankind and your sons and daughters shall prophesy ...I will in those days pour forth of My Spirit and they shall prophesy. ’ (Acts 2:17 – 18)	The apostles and other leaders proclaim and prophesy. (Acts 2:19ff.)

The Spirit and Israel’s Re-Awakening

- Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. And she cried out with a loud voice... (Luke 1:41 – 42)
- Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied... (Luke 1:67)
- And [Simeon] came in the Spirit into the temple...and blessed God and said...(Luke 2:25 – 26)

The Spirit and Jesus

- The Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came from heaven, “Thou art My beloved Son, in Thee I am well-pleased.” (Luke 3:21)
- Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit...was led by the Spirit in the wilderness...Jesus answered [Satan]...Jesus answered him...Jesus answered him... (Luke 4:1 – 12)
- Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit...And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written, “The Spirit of the LORD is upon me to preach...” (Luke 4:14 – 18)
- And that very time he rejoiced greatly in the Holy Spirit and said... (Luke 10:21)
- The veil of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, “Father, into Thy hands I commit my spirit.” And having said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:45 – 26)

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- The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil, for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart. (Luke 6:45)
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- You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.” (Acts 1:7 – 8)
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- But they were unable to cope with the wisdom and the Spirit with which [Stephen] was speaking. (Acts 6:10)
- But being full of the Holy Spirit...he said... (Acts 7:55 – 56)
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- Some were being persuaded by the things spoken, but others would not believe. And when they did not agree with one another, they began leaving after Paul had spoken one parting word, ‘The Holy Spirit rightly spoke through Isaiah the prophet to your fathers, saying... (Acts 28:24 – 26)