

**LifeGroup Discussion Questions**  
**Into the Wilderness #4 – Luke 4**

1. Read Luke 4. Dan's theory for the text was that we can be filled with the Spirit and led by the Spirit but that we won't be empowered by the Spirit without spending time in the wilderness. Has that been true in your life? Does it seem to be true from scripture?
  
2. In his book, "Experiencing the Spirit" Henry Blackaby writes, "The greatest single tragedy of the people of God today is that they're missing the fullness of the Spirit. If they only knew what they were missing, they would stop everything and seek Him with all their hearts. For apart from the active presence of the Holy Spirit, there's no possibility of an individual or a church doing anything but practicing religious activity. You may be very active and involved in your church, but without the fullness of the Spirit, you'll miss the power of God." What do you think of that quote? What do you think the early church of Acts would think about it?
  
3. Do you think the effectiveness of Jesus' ministry could be explained by something other than the work of the Spirit in and through him? Is that same Spirit available to us? Does this help explain John 14:12-14?
  
4. Dan said that "When the Calling of God exceeds our Capacity, we need the power of the Spirit. AND the calling of God always exceeds our capacity. Do you find you need the power of the Spirit to expand the capacity of your character, bolster the capacity of your courage, or increase your capacity to dream? Character, Courage or Dreaming God's dreams, which is your weakest area?
  
5. Dan gave three steps to finding power in our wilderness. The first was to saturate in scripture. What are you doing or have you done that helps to marinate your life in scripture? Is your scriptural practice primarily one of listening, learning or leaning?
  
6. The second and third steps were to surrender control and ask God for more. Read Luke 11:5-11. What does this parable teach us about asking God for more of the Spirit?
  
7. What questions do you have about the Spirit of God? Where is God calling you to respond?

