

## Sermon Worksheet, 8/16/09

**Passage:** Luke 1:26-45, Acts 1:3-8

**Theme:** I am God's Temple No.12

*Don't you know that  
you yourselves are  
God's temple and that  
God's Spirit lives in  
you? (1 Cor 3:16)*



In this drill, we will learn about the power of the Holy Spirit from Luke's books (the gospel and Acts).

### **Observations:**

- 1) Luke sees the birth of Jesus as something similar to the creation of the universe. Compare this passage (especially v. 35) with the creation account in Genesis (especially, Gen 1:1-3), and explain the similarities. How does Luke understand the birth of Jesus?
- 2) After Mary hears from the angel, she goes to see Elizabeth. And the moment Elizabeth greets her, she comes to be **“filled with the Holy Spirit.”** What does this indicate in connection with what is going to happen later?
- 3) What similarities do you find between Luke 1:35 and Acts 1:8 in terms of the expressions used and the contexts within the books? What do those similarities, including the similarities with Gen 1:1-3, imply here? What happened in the disciples, and how did it work for the birth of the church?

### **Personal Applications:**

- 1) By keeping in mind the similarities and the implications we saw in the above passages in Genesis, Luke and Acts, how do you see the work and the power of the Holy Spirit? What work does the Holy Spirit do for what purposes, and what power is the power of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) Compare what you have just learned in these passages with the views you used to have about the Holy Spirit and his power. Do you see any differences? How did you so far think who the Holy Spirit is and what power he has?
- 3) Do you believe in the real power of the Holy Spirit? How do you think you will change if this real power of the Holy Spirit works in you? And what do you need to do for this to come true (cf. Luke 1:38, 45)?

### **Prayers, and etc.**

- 1) Please make a confession that the power of the Holy Spirit will come to be realized for you as the Scripture says.
- 2) Pray for your group, and your family that all of you together believe in and seek the power of the Holy Spirit in the unity of the same faith.
- 3) Continue to pray for **“everyone”** and **“all the saints”**: especially, for those who need the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray also for the recent and the future newcomers, and thank God for the blessings you received at the camp.