

## Getting Practical:

### Set Apart:

We have been set apart for God's mission, and we have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to live out this mission. At EverGreen, we see this as being a, "body of believers gathered by the Spirit, empowered by the Spirit, and sent on mission in God's good but fallen world." One of my favorite passages is 2 Corinthians 5:14-21. In it Paul tells us that, "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ...And he has now committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are Christ's ambassadors."

### But the mission is difficult...

- **Remember Our Call** ... It was never meant to be easy. Jesus makes this clear time and time again. Jesus and His disciples paid for this mission with their lives, we may not physically suffer as much as them, but it requires our lives as well.
- **Remember the Spirit** ... This is why we remember that it is the Holy Spirit that gives us the power and ability to carry out God's work. One question I always try to ask myself is, "Am I being led by His Spirit, or am I being driven by own desire?"
- **Remember Our Community** ... This is why we choose to live within a community. We need people that will challenge us, encourage us, and join in the journey with us. We need to surround ourselves with Spirit-led people.
- **Remember Our Example** ... Jesus

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## Don't Miss

- The Four Corners Offering during July is for Hand-2-Hand Ministries. Make sure the kids at Bauerwood Elementary don't go hungry.
- Don't wait till next week to discuss with others how you can tangibly bring Shalom to your neighborhood, workplaces, etc.

## "The Anointed One"



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### Message Notes:

## Explore the Story, Discover Your Life A Study for Small Groups and Individuals

### Remembering – “The Anointed One”

- Look at your message notes. What part of the message made you wonder, want to know more, held particular meaning for your life, or just caught your attention?

### Being Shaped by the Text: Jesus’ Ministry

It’s tough to pinpoint the exact age of Jesus at the time of His baptism. However, we do know that this moment ushers in a new era of ministry for Jesus. Jesus’ most influential ministry took place most likely in His early 30’s. So Jesus would have probably been baptized and also became a Rabbi around the same time.

**EXPLORE!**

- **Read Matthew 3:13-16**
  - Who is the Holy Spirit to you?
  - Think back to Jesus’ Birth/JTB birth...what role has the Holy Spirit played to this point?
  - Why is God pleased with His son?

### The Anointing

Jesus is the anointed one that has been promised! Jesus’ baptism marks the beginning of Him carrying out His Father’s work. In the OT, the Hebrew word “ruwach (roo’-akh)” meaning “breath” or “wind,” was used when talking about the Spirit whom Jesus was anointed with. This is why we have come to say that the Holy Spirit is the very breathe of the Trinity. The Holy Spirit is 1 of 3 persons within this divine union. The Holy Spirit is often forgotten, but is the person that lives within us and empowers us on mission in God’s good, but fallen world. A few people in the OT were empowered by the Holy Spirit, but not even close to Jesus’ experience. **Lets look at some these instances:**

- **Moses – Read Numbers 11:10-17**
  - Why do Moses/Elders need the Spirit?
- **Judges - Read Judges 3:10, 6:34, 11:29**
  - Who was anointed with the Spirit? Why?
- **David – Read 1 Samuel 16:7-13**
  - What do we know about David’s reign as king?
  - What effects did his anointing have on his reign?

### Jesus is Different...Again

While the anointing of the others caused many divine purposes to come about, Jesus is the “The Anointed One!” He is perfect and set apart for His Father’s mission...However, we see that Jesus needs the power of the Holy Spirit, **just as we do**, in order to carry out the work.

- **Read Isaiah 61**
  - What things do we see Jesus doing as the anointed one? If we are empowered by the Spirit as well...what does that mean for us?
  - Look at the contrast in these verses between “God’s ideal creation” & “Man’s current creation.” List some of them out....ex (crown/ashes)
  - What does this tell us about Jesus’ work in/for “God’s ideal creation.”
  - How can we reflect our Savior’s work/mission?

### The Power for Mission

In Acts 10 we see the story of Cornelius’ household (Gentiles) coming to know the Lord. Peter proclaims the work of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit:

- **Read Acts 10:24-48 (preferably the entire chapter)**
  - What people did Jesus’ ministry touch? What does Peter say about this in v35-36?
  - We see that Jesus didn’t take the anointing of the Holy Spirit for granted...are we?