

(1) Why do you think God the Father and God the Son have figured so prominently in the Christmas story but the God the Holy Spirit has been overlooked?

(2) Read aloud John 3:34-35. What does this passage tell us about the relationship of Jesus to the Holy Spirit? What does it tell us about how he lived his life and carried out his ministry?

(3) Read aloud Isaiah 11:1-2 and Acts 10:38. The former is a prophecy of the coming Messiah. What does it lead us to conclude about the nature of Jesus' earthly life and ministry and the power in which he performed his miracles? How does Acts 10:38 contribute to our understanding of the life of Jesus and his ministry of healing?

(4) Read aloud Luke 4:1-2. What are the practical implications for you and me in the fact that Jesus was himself "full of the Holy Spirit" and was empowered by the Spirit to resist the temptations of the Devil?

(5) All these texts speak of the Holy Spirit in Jesus. What implications are there for you and me? What might we expect the Spirit to do in us?