

**INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ**

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*...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free. Jn.8:32*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE**

**21.08.16**

**Theme: The Spirit Empowered Ministry**

**Memory Verse:** *Matthew chapter ten verse thirty-five: “For I have come to turn a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law”*

**Texts: Matthew 4: 13 -17**

Immediately after the temptations, Jesus began His three-fold ministry of **teaching, preaching and healing**. We should know that a life of victory, over temptations and the anointing of the Holy Ghost are conditions prior to ministry. Thus, we see Jesus returning in the power of the Spirit to Galilee and later in Nazareth. He stood up to read “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord.” (Luke4:18-19).

Without the Holy Spirit our ministry will lack action and the wheel of our service for the Lord will drive heavily. The ministry of Christ began as that of John the Baptist was about to close. John being the son of a priest had officially declared Jesus as the perfect “Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world“ (John 1:29) With that significant introduction, Jesus began His ministry in Galilee with Capernaum as headquarters.

Right from the beginning, He gave a three-fold call that would characterize His earthly ministry. First, a call to repentance and entrance into the kingdom. Then a call to discipleship as a condition prior to the call of service and fruitfulness in the kingdom. How many believers today in the church who are careful to this calling? Be filled with the Spirit and your ministry will be powerful.