

## Grace Downtown CG Discussion Guide

**Feb 4-8, 2019**

Series: He Became Like Us

Acts 10:38; Luke 4:16-22; Matthew 12:22-28; Matthew 4:1



### Announcements:

**Diane Langberg:** Dr. Diane Langberg is globally recognized for her work with trauma victims. She will teach on Abuse and Healing in the Church. Registration is \$20 per person and will be open through Feb 12 or until sold out. You must register in advance online; there will be no walk-up registration option. **Fri Feb 15 & Sat Feb 16** at Grace Mosaic.

**Preparing for Marriage:** Explore how the gospel provides the foundation for marriage and the power to thrive in marriage. Friday night open to everyone, no registration required. Saturday for couples who are engaged or pursuing engagement; must register. This seminar is required if a Grace DC pastor is officiating your wedding. **Fri March 8**, 7-9:30 pm. **Sat March 9**, 9 am- 4 pm . Church office. Deadline to register online: March 3.

**CQ: Chocolate City-** Washington, DC has traditionally been considered Chocolate City due to its cultural makeup of primarily African Americans. Through the years of demographic shifts, what role have churches played, and what role should our church play now? Come hear from Dr. George Derek Musgrove, the co-author of Chocolate City: the History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capitol. **Sat Feb 23**, 11:00 am. Location: TBD. RSVP online.

**Marriage Event:** Join the Grace Downtown Marriage Care Team for an event about “how to change your spouse.” **Sat March 2**, 9:00-12:30 pm. Chinese Community Church. Childcare available. Cost \$35. More info and sign up on website.

### Introduction:

Sometimes we might be tempted to think that because Jesus is God, he had no need to depend upon the Holy Spirit. But as a human being, Jesus needed the Spirit's filling and power, just as we do. Do you have a hard time seeing Jesus as having real needs?

### Read and Discuss:

Read Luke 4:1, 16-22 and Acts 10:38 aloud together.

1. What are we told here about the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life?
2. How do you perceive the Spirit “led” and “sent” Jesus (what did this mean for him, practically)?

Read Matthew 12:22-28 aloud together.

3. Why did the Pharisees wonder if Jesus was filled with demons?
4. What is Jesus' main point in his response to the Pharisees (vv. 25-18)?
5. What does Jesus mean when he says, "It is by the Spirit of God that I cast our demons" (v. 28)?

### **Application:**

What encouragement do you receive, knowing that Jesus needed the Spirit to lead him, anoint him, give him power over Satan, etc? How aware are you of our need for the Spirit?

### **Prayer:**

*The Grace Downtown Prayer Team creates opportunities for our community to learn more about prayer together for our church family, our city, and our world. Throughout the coming week, the Prayer Team is asking our church community to...*

...for the Lord's continued provision. We thank the Lord that the families and individuals in our city affected by the government shutdown are able to return to work.

...for joy. We pray that as we continue to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and in relationship with him that we would trust the words of David; "You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore." (Psalm 16:11)

...for our community to be actively mindful as we look to extend help to those in need; whether that be with clothing for the cold, a cup of tea, or a warm smile.