

Nov 5 sermon discussion questions

- Different denominations tend to focus more of their attention on one person of the Trinity. What's been your experience and how has this affected you?
- Why do you think many people in "non-charismatic" churches get uncomfortable when talking about the Spirit or "gifts"?
- 1 John 2:6 says that anyone who claims to be a Christian must walk as Jesus walked. Many only read this verse with respect to morality. In what other ways ought we to walk as Jesus walked, beyond being good little boys and girls?
- From Luke 3 and 4, we can catch a glimpse of the various spiritual disciplines Jesus practiced. Spend some time scanning or reading these passages and make a list of them (or break into two or three teams and give each team a section, such as Luke 3:21-22; 4:1-13; 4:14-21; 4:22-42). How can we apply 1 John 2:6 to these? How could/should we do this individually, as a family, *and* together as a missional community?
- Discuss this quotation: "Eagles, ospreys and hawks ride the wind. It doesn't take much energy on their part. When geese fly they flap their wings, but birds of prey soar by catching currents. They seek thermals. Columns of warm air rise from the earth filled with energy. The birds glide on the heated currents of air. A good thermal can lift them high into the sky without so much as a single flap of their wings. From their higher place they can see more ground and can fly longer and farther, and when the time comes to dive on their prey, they can plummet with great speed. As I watch these birds, I think of [us]. I too seek thermals.... The Spirit lifts, gives vision, direction and power....It is catching winds that lift us to heights we cannot climb on our own. We can't stay in the air very long on our own strength, but we can seek thermals." David Hansen, *The Art of Pastoring: Ministry Without All the Answers*, p. 51.