

## Message Discussion Guide

**Date:** August 5-6

**Title:** Empowered- Week One

### Connect with Each Other:

#### Icebreakers

*You can use these questions to break the ice in conversations as you start your group.*

- How did serving during Love Week impact you?
- How can you continue to serve Journey city in the future?
- Who is ready for Week of Prayer? What is something or someone you can be praying over during Week of Prayer?

#### Pray Together

- Heavenly Father, we are so grateful for your ever timely messages, especially on this one that relates to being empowered by the Holy Spirit. Today, we decree that we are receiving power from the Holy Ghost for the extraordinary: from what we do, to where we go, and to what we say - or do not say. The Holy Spirit is empowering us for these assignments. In Jesus name. Amen.

### Connect with God:

#### Message Summary

*You may want to ask a group member to recap the message so everyone is ready to discuss the message, especially if some people missed gathering that weekend. If people are having a hard time remembering, you can use this summary to help give a recap.*

- **Sticky statement:**  
The Holy Spirit empowers us to:
  - DO things we wouldn't ordinarily do
  - GO places we wouldn't ordinarily go
  - SAY words we wouldn't ordinarily say
- **Message Summary:**  
Many of us often get depleted, distracted and discouraged. We spend our time looking for the next way to power up and get more energy. This Scripture tells us that power doesn't come from within ourselves, but we will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us. We receive God's presence and power which helps us in our daily life, but also empowers us to successfully follow Jesus. The most important thing we can do with this power is continue to tell people about Jesus and how we have experienced him in our lives.

## **Key Bible Verses**

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere- in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

*Act 1:8 NLT*

<https://www.bible.com/bible/111/ACT.1.NIV>

## **Discussion Questions**

*You can use these questions to help guide your discussion. Think through any helpful ways to preface the questions for your group (a quick recap of a part of the message, reading the associated verse together, etc.)*

1. In what ways is God challenging you to do something, go somewhere or say something you wouldn't ordinarily?
2. How have you seen the Holy Spirit (God's presence and power) in your life?
3. Who can you share Jesus with this week? (Ex: Co-workers, family members, friends, neighbors)
4. What are some ways you can tell others about Jesus and how you've experienced him in your life?

**AS BELIEVERS, THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS US. THAT POWER ISN'T JUST TO HELP US WITH OUR PERSONAL PROBLEMS, JESUS TOLD US THE PRIMARY REASON WAS SO WE CAN TELL PEOPLE ABOUT HIM.**



**"...YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES ON YOU; AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH."  
- ACTS 1:8 (NIV)**