

DISCIPLE

THE JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH



Bridge City
CHURCH

Part 6: Empowered By The Spirit

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CONVERSATION GUIDE



SMALL GROUPS

In the series "*Disciple*," we've explored how discipleship is built on a relationship with Jesus, lived out in community, expressed through service, sustained by rest, and strengthened by the Word. Today we move forward into an essential truth: we were not called to live this life in our own strength, but to be accompanied and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In **Acts 1:8**, Jesus promises that we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon us—not just to experience something internal, but to live and testify in a transformed way. This power is not for control or self-sufficiency, but for active dependence on God. The Holy Spirit guides, teaches, and equips the believer, making it possible to live according to God's purpose—not through human effort, but through a constant relationship with Him.

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.

Acts 1:8 (NLT)



LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

1. When Jesus promises that we would receive power when the Holy Spirit comes, what do you think that power looks like in everyday life beyond extraordinary or visible moments?
2. Jesus also taught that the Spirit of truth would guide us into all truth (as seen in **John 16:13**). Can you recall a time when you sensed clear guidance from God in a daily decision or situation? How did you recognize it?

3. Many times we trust our logic, emotions, or experience more than God's direction. What personal obstacles make it difficult for you to depend consistently on the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit empowers us to live the life God called us to live.

MAKE IT PRACTICAL

Respond intentionally to the Spirit's guidance in your daily life.

1. **Depend on the Holy Spirit daily.** Before reacting to an emotion, impulse, or temptation, take a brief pause and acknowledge your need for God. Intentionally choose what you know is right, even in small decisions. At what point in your day do you need to stop and surrender your reactions?
2. **Learn to listen to His voice.** Throughout your day, pay attention to those inner promptings that lead you toward wisdom, love, or clear direction. Take note of them and act on one in a concrete way. What subtle direction have you been ignoring that you can obey today?
3. **Walk in the power of the Spirit.** Identify a situation where fear, insecurity, or doubt usually takes over. Face it this week with a different posture—choose to act with courage, love, and self-control.

PRAYER

"Lord, thank You because You did not leave us alone, but gave us Your Spirit to guide and strengthen us. We recognize that we often try to live in our own strength, forgetting to depend on You. Today we ask You to teach us to hear Your voice and to walk in Your power in our everyday lives. Help us this week to live aware of Your presence in every decision."

TIPS

- Decisions of faith often require trusting and obeying before having all the answers.
- This week, you don't need to do it perfectly—just stay sensitive and willing to respond to God's guidance in the small things.
- Following Christ is a lifelong process: learning to depend on the Spirit doesn't happen overnight, but every step strengthens that relationship.

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