



## Part 3: HOLY SPIRIT

### INTRODUCTION

**Acts 1:4** *On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.*

*5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."*

*Acts 1:8 But 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."*

In this passage Jesus tells us that when the Holy Spirit comes into our lives, we not only feel His presence, but He also gives us His power.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was your understanding of the Holy Spirit before this week's message?
2. Describe a time when you were aware of the Holy Spirit in your life.
3. Read **1 Corinthians 2:4-5**. These verses show us how the Holy Spirit gives us the power to share Christ boldly to others. When have you had a conversation with someone and the Holy Spirit gave you the words to speak?
4. Read **Romans 8:26 and 2 Corinthians 12:9-10**.  
According to these scriptures, the Holy Spirit gives us power when we are weak. Share a time when you were weak and the Holy Spirit gave you power to overcome your weakness.
5. Read **Romans 15:13** and **Ephesians 3:16-19**. These verses show us that we receive hope and the ability to experience the fullness of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. How has experiencing the power Holy Spirit in your own life affected your relationship with Christ?
6. What are some areas of your life that you are relying more on your strength rather than the power of the Holy Spirit?
7. How can you begin today to rely more on the power of the Holy Spirit?

### MOVING FORWARD

These prayer tips can guide your time alone with God each day. Praying with a friend or a small group might help you stick to it.

- Pray and ask God to help you experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life in deeper way. Open your heart up to the Holy Spirit.
- Confess those areas in your life where you are struggling. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you the strength to overcome these weaknesses.
- Talk to God about any concerns you have and any trials you may be enduring. Allow the Holy Spirit to instill within you a spirit of hope.
- Allow the Holy Spirit through prayer to strengthen and enrich every area of your life so that you may experience the fullness of God. Remember, He's praying for you too!

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13 NIV)