



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE
Each Step Empowered by the Holy Spirit
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OPENING (3–4 Minutes)

Start thinking:

When you hear “Spirit-empowered life,” what comes to mind?

Pray briefly and invite the Holy Spirit to guide your discussion.

FOUNDATION

God created you to know Him. Through faith in Jesus, you are forgiven, made righteous, and made new. The Holy Spirit now lives in you.

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me...”

Salvation brings relationship.

The Spirit brings empowerment.

MAIN TRUTH

As Christians we say **Jesus is Lord**, and the Holy Spirit endorses our lives and ministry.

Acts 2:22 (NLT)

“Jesus... was shown to be from God by the powerful miracles, wonders, and signs God did through him...”

The Spirit endorsed Jesus.

Now He empowers His Church.

1. WHO DO YOU SAY JESUS IS? (5 Minutes)

Read **Matthew 16:13–17**

People speculated about Jesus.
But revelation came from the Father.

1 Corinthians 12:3 (NLT)

“No one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.”

Discussion:

- Why is it easy to admire Jesus but resist surrendering to Him?
- What does saying “Jesus is Lord” change in daily life?

Reflection:

Is there an area where Jesus is respected but not fully obeyed?

2. WHAT LIFE ARE WE CALLED TO LIVE? (6 Minutes)

We are called to be:

- **Witnesses** (Acts 1:8)
- **Empowered** (John 14:12)
- **Strong and built up** (1 Cor 14:4; Jude 1:20)
- **Full of Christ’s character** (Gal 5:22–23)
- **Alive to God** (Romans 8:11)

Discussion:

- Which of these areas feels strongest in your life?
 - Which needs growth?
 - How does knowing the same Spirit who raised Jesus lives in you affect your confidence?
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3. THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

Read **1 Corinthians 12:7–11**

The gifts are:

- Manifestations of the Spirit

- Given for the profit of all
- Tools for ministry, not status

Three categories:

Revelation – Wisdom, Knowledge, Discerning

Power – Faith, Healings, Miracles

Vocal – Prophecy, Tongues, Interpretation

Important:

- Operate in love (1 Cor 13)
- Function in order (1 Cor 14:40)
- Glorify Jesus

Discussion:

- Why must gifts always be rooted in love?

4. DAILY EMPOWERMENT (4–5 Minutes)

The Spirit empowers us by:

- Producing fruit (Gal 5:22–23)
- Strengthening prayer (Jude 1:20)
- Guiding our speech (James 3:8; 1 Cor 14:14–15)
- Giving boldness (Acts 1:8)
- The Gifts in operation. (Jesus and the Apostles examples)

Practical Steps This Week:

1. Read the Follow Me As I Follow Christ Devotional to help your heart focus.
2. Start your day with worship.
3. Give thanks intentionally.
4. Pray in the Spirit to yield to Him.
5. Stay in the Word.
6. Write down what stirs in your heart and test it by Scripture.

Discussion:

What is one step you will take this week to live more aware of the Spirit?

CLOSING DECLARATION

Read together:

“I am a new creation.

Jesus is Lord.

The Holy Spirit lives in me.

Each step of my life is empowered by Him.”

Close in prayer and yield afresh to the Holy Spirit.