

# PENTECOST

## The Power to Go

**Objective:** To challenge us to go, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and be witnesses to who Jesus is and what He has done.

### ICEBREAKER

Have you ever been asked to do something that felt bigger than you were capable of handling?

- What made it intimidating?
- Did you feel prepared—or completely overwhelmed?

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

#### 1. A Mission Bigger Than Us

The sermon emphasized that Jesus consistently gave His followers assignments they could not accomplish on their own.

- Why do you think Jesus often calls people beyond their natural ability?
- How does that challenge our desire for comfort or control?
- Where do you currently feel inadequate or overwhelmed?

#### 2. “You Will Be My Witnesses”

The sermon explained that a witness is simply someone who tells what they have seen, heard, or experienced.

- How does that definition change the way you think about sharing your faith?
- Why do many Christians feel intimidated by the idea of being a witness?
- What is one thing Jesus has done in your life that you could honestly testify about?

#### 3. The Mission Field Expands

Jesus tells the disciples they will be witnesses in:

- Jerusalem
- Judea
- Samaria
- To the ends of the earth
- Which of those categories feels easiest for you? Which feels hardest?
- Why do we naturally resist “Samaria”—people who are different from us or difficult for us to love?
- How might God be stretching your view of who needs the gospel?

#### 4. Pentecost and Power

Pentecost was the moment the Holy Spirit empowered the disciples for mission.

- Why was the Holy Spirit necessary for the mission Jesus gave them?
- What stands out to you about the symbols of wind, fire, and languages?
- How does Pentecost reveal God’s heart for all people and nations?

#### 5. Simple Does Not Mean Easy

The sermon said: *Being a witness is simple—but it is not easy.*

- Why is witnessing often difficult?
- What fears or obstacles keep people silent?
- How does knowing “the power is His” change the way we approach the mission?

#### 6. The Movement Keeps Moving

Acts 8 showed that persecution scattered believers—but the mission continued.

- Why do you think God sometimes uses discomfort or disruption to move His people?
- Have you ever seen God use difficult circumstances for a greater purpose?
- What happens when Christians become too comfortable?

## **7. Spirit-Filled Witnesses**

The sermon connected Pentecost and communion by emphasizing the kind of witnesses we are called to be.

- Why is it important that Spirit-filled people also remain cross-centered people?
- What kind of witness do you think Jesus wants us to be?
- How do grace, humility, and love shape our witness?

## **8. Your Next Step**

Bring it home personally.

- Where is God calling you to be a witness right now?
- Who in your life may need to hear or see the hope of Jesus?
- What would it look like for you to rely more on the Holy Spirit this week?

## **FINAL THOUGHT**

Jesus never asked His followers to change the world through their own strength. He simply called them to be witnesses—and promised them His power. The mission has always been bigger than us, but we were never meant to carry it alone.

**The mission is ours. The power is His.**

## **THIS WEEK – LIVE AS A WITNESS**

Take one intentional step this week toward living as a Spirit-empowered witness.

### **1. PRAY**

Ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage, wisdom, and sensitivity.

### **2. NOTICE**

Pay attention to opportunities God places in front of you.

### **3. TELL**

Share something Jesus has done in your life with someone else.

### **4. TRUST**

Remember: you are responsible for faithfulness—not results.

Ask yourself each day: