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Genesis 1:1-2 NIV

¹ In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ² Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

1 Kings 18:36-39 NIV

³⁶ At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. ³⁷ Answer me, Lord, answer me, so these people will know that you, Lord, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again."

³⁸ Then the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

³⁹ When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, "The Lord—he is God! The Lord—he is God!"

Isaiah 61:1-3 NIV

¹ The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor
and the day of vengeance of our God,
to comfort all who mourn,
³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—
to bestow on them a crown of beauty
instead of ashes,
the oil of joy
instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise
instead of a spirit of despair.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
a planting of the Lord
for the display of his splendor.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What about this weekend's message or worship most impacted you?
2. What have you believed about the Holy Spirit? Did anything you experience this weekend change your perspective?
3. The Spirit is like a wind that brings 3 things: Presence (Genesis 1:1-2), Power (1 Kings 18:36-39), and Proclamation (Isaiah 61:1-3). Take some time with your group to discuss how these 3 things work together, and how you have seen that played out in the Bible and in your life.
4. We should only ask for the tools of the Spirit if we are ready to do the work. Are you ready to do the work? If yes, what is 1 thing you can do this week to allow the Spirit to use you? If you are not ready, what is holding you back?