

# Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Filled | Anointing Speaker: Pastor John Eric Zayas

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## **Small Group Guide: Filled With Anointing**

#### Welcome and Opening Prayer:

 Ask God to open your hearts and minds to discuss His Word and apply it to your lives.

## **Key Takeaways**

- 1. Anointing comes from Jesus Christ, the Anointed One.
- 2. As believers, we are set apart, empowered, and under pressure.
- 3. The purpose of anointing is for it to flow out and impact others.
- 4. Holiness and surrender are crucial for experiencing the fullness of God's anointing.

# **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What does it mean to be "anointed" in a biblical sense? How does this differ from worldly concepts of being special or gifted?
- 2. The sermon mentioned that we are "set apart" as believers. In what ways do you feel set apart in your daily life? What challenges does this create?

- 3. How have you experienced God's empowerment in your life? Share a specific example if possible.
- 4. The pastor talked about being "under pressure" as part of the anointed life. How have you experienced this? How can we maintain faith during difficult times?
- 5. What areas of your life might God be asking you to surrender in order to experience a greater anointing?
- 6. How can we balance recognizing our anointing while remaining humble?
- 7. The sermon emphasized that anointing is meant to flow out to others. In what practical ways can we allow God's anointing to impact those around us?

# **Practical Applications:**

- 1. This week, identify one area where you feel God may be calling you to step out in faith. Take a small action step in that direction.
- 2. Spend time in prayer asking God to reveal any areas of your life that need to be surrendered to Him.
- 3. Look for opportunities to encourage others using the spiritual gifts God has given you.
- 4. Start each day this week by asking God to fill you afresh with His anointing and to use you to bless others.
- 5. If you're facing pressure or difficulties, write down three ways you can see God working through those challenges.

### Closing Prayer:

• Thank God for His anointing in our lives. Ask for the courage to live as set-apart people and for opportunities to let His anointing flow through us to others.

## **5-Day Devotionals**

Day 1: Anointed for Purpose

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10

Devotional: God has set you apart for a holy purpose. Just as kings and priests were anointed in the Old Testament, you have been anointed by the Holy Spirit. This anointing isn't just for your benefit, but to empower you to serve others and glorify God. Reflect on how God has uniquely gifted you. How can you use those gifts to minister to others and advance God's kingdom? Remember, you are part of a "royal priesthood" - embrace your calling with humility and courage.

Day 2: Empowered by the Spirit

Reading: Acts 1:8, 2:1-4

Devotional: The disciples were transformed when filled with the Holy Spirit. They received power to boldly proclaim the gospel and perform miracles. This same power is available to you today. Are you living in the fullness of the Spirit's power? Ask God to fill you anew, to embolden you to share your faith, and to manifest His gifts through you. Be open to how He might want to use you in unexpected ways, just as the disciples spoke in tongues they didn't know.

Day 3: Beauty in Brokenness

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Devotional: We are like fragile clay jars containing a priceless treasure. Our weaknesses and struggles don't disqualify us from being used by God - in fact, they often become the very means through which His power is displayed. When you feel pressed on every side, remember that you won't be crushed. Your "cracks" allow God's light to shine through you more brightly. How can you surrender your weaknesses to God today, trusting Him to use them for His glory?

#### Day 4: Consecrated Living

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: To experience the fullness of God's anointing, we're called to live consecrated lives. This means offering ourselves completely to God, not conforming to the world's patterns. It requires intentional choices to pursue holiness. What areas of your life might God be asking you to surrender more fully to Him? Consider fasting from something that distracts you from God, replacing that time with prayer and Scripture meditation. Allow the Holy Spirit to renew your mind and transform your life.

## Day 5: Pressing Through Pressure

Reading: James 1:2-4

Devotional: Pressure and trials are inevitable in the Christian life. But God uses these challenges to refine us, pressing out more of His anointing oil. When facing difficulties, resist the urge to pray only for their removal. Instead, ask God for strength to endure, wisdom to learn, and grace to grow through the trial. How might your current struggles be opportunities for spiritual growth? Trust that God is working all things for your good and His glory, even when you can't see it yet.