

DISCIPLESHIP GUIDE

A Life-Group guide for sermon discussion, personal reflection, and next steps



SWAT | BAPTIZED IN THE HOLY SPIRIT | PASTOR DAN SMITH | AUGUST 2, 2026

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

As disciples, we're called not just to be informed but to be transformed into people who look more like Jesus—in our homes, our workplaces, and our communities. This guide helps you apply what we're learning at New Life Church to your weekly rhythms. Use it to engage in daily Bible reading, have meaningful conversations with your group, and take clear next steps in following Jesus.

WEEKLY SUMMARY

This week Pastor Dan opened the book of Acts as the work of the **Holy Spirit** through submitted people. Before the Church moved out in witness, Jesus told the apostles to wait for the Father's promised gift: to be **baptized with the Holy Spirit**. The sermon contrasted a brief dip with a deep immersion, showing that the Holy Spirit does not merely touch believers but transforms them. Faith follows a pattern: **Salvation - Water Baptism - Baptism of the Holy Spirit**. The result is **power to witness**: reaching one more across the street and around the world until Jesus returns.

WAIT

FATHER PROMISED

IMMERSE

CHANGED BY THE SPIRIT

WITNESS

POWER FOR ONE MORE

RESOURCES

◆ [SUNDAY'S SERMON](#)

◆ [TABLE TALK PODCAST](#)

◆ [NEW LIFE CHURCH APP](#)

KEY SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:4-5: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised..."

Acts 1:4-5

Acts 1:8: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..."

Acts 1:8

Acts 8:14-16: They prayed for the new believers to receive the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:14-16

Acts 1:9-11: "This same Jesus... will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Acts 1:9-11

GROUP DISCUSSION



Use these questions to discuss how the Holy Spirit forms submitted witnesses who reach one more.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

ACTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- ◆ **Acts 1:1-3:** Pastor Dan said Acts is not only Acts of the Apostles, but Acts of the Holy Spirit through submitted people. Where do you need to submit yourself to the Spirit's work?
- ◆ **Acts 1:3** says Jesus gave many convincing proofs that He was alive and spoke about the kingdom of God. How does the risen Jesus change the way you live as a witness?

WAIT AND BE IMMERSED

- ◆ **Acts 1:4-5:** Jesus told them to wait for the Father's promised gift. Where are you tempted to move in your own strength instead of waiting on God?
- ◆ The sermon contrasted **bapto** with **baptizo** - a brief dip versus deep immersion that changes what is immersed. What area of your life needs deeper surrender?

FAITH FOLLOWS A PATTERN

- ◆ **Acts 8:14-16** and the sermon pattern, **Salvation - Water Baptism - Baptism of the Holy Spirit**, point to distinct steps of obedience and receiving power. What next step might God be asking you to take?

ONE MORE WITNESS

- ◆ **Acts 1:8** connects the Holy Spirit's power with being witnesses in our city, state and nation, and the whole world. Who is your **one more**, and what faithful step can you take this week?
- ◆ **Acts 1:9-11** points to Jesus' return. How does that promise add urgency and hope to reaching one more?

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

KNOW GOD: Read Acts 1:1-11 and underline what Jesus says about the Holy Spirit, the Kingdom, and witness.

DISCOVER PURPOSE: Ask God for power to witness and take the next step of salvation, water baptism, or baptism of the Holy Spirit.

FIND FREEDOM: Name where you have been striving instead of waiting, receiving, and surrendering to the Spirit.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Pray for your one more by name, then invite, serve, or encourage them this week.

PRAYER GUIDE

Lord Jesus, thank You for saving us and promising the gift of the Holy Spirit. Forgive us for trying to witness, serve, or live in our own strength. Immerse us in Your Spirit until we are changed. Give us power to be witnesses across the street and around the world. Put one more person on our hearts, and make us courageous to pray, invite, serve, and speak with love. Amen.

CLOSING THOUGHT

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses..." - Acts 1:8

Jesus will return again. Until then, the Spirit empowers the Church to reach one more - across the street and around the world. We do not witness in our own strength; we receive power, surrender deeply, and follow Jesus with courage.