

DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 8 of Encounters

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Jesus revealed as the One who clothes His people with power – inviting us to remain, receive the promise of the Holy Spirit, + live continually filled by His presence.

1. The Pattern - Stay (Luke 24:49)

- Before the disciples were sent out, Jesus instructed them to stay and wait for the power of the Holy Spirit.

Discuss:

- Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to wait before stepping into ministry and mission?
- How can slowing down and remaining in God's presence prepare us for what He has called us to do?

2. The Promise - Wait (Acts 1:4; Joel 2:28–29; Ezekiel 36:26–27; Isaiah 44:3; Luke 3:16; John 14:16–17)

- God promised throughout Scripture that He would pour out His Spirit and dwell within His people.

Discuss:

- How does knowing the Holy Spirit is both with you and within you change your understanding of your relationship with God?
- Why is waiting on God often an important part of receiving His promises?

3. The Problem - Receive (Acts 1:8; Acts 19:2; Luke 11:11–13)

- Jesus promised power through the Holy Spirit, but believers must be willing to ask, receive, and respond in faith.

Discuss:

- Why do you think some believers struggle to fully receive or depend on the Holy Spirit?
- How can self-reliance keep us from experiencing the power God wants to give us?



4. The Pursuit - *Filled (Acts 2:4; Acts 4:31; Acts 13:52; Ephesians 1:13-14; Ephesians 4:30; Ephesians 5:18)*

- The early church was not only filled once, but continually filled again and again as they walked with God.

Discuss:

- What would it look like for you to more intentionally ask for and rely on the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
- What are some things that can either cultivate or hinder sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in our lives?

