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# DISCUSSION GUIDE

Part 4 of By My Spirit

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God revealed as the One who fulfills His promise by giving us the Holy Spirit, sealing us as His own, strengthening us with His power, and empowering us to live as His witnesses.

1. **What Is "The Promise"?** *(Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4; Acts 2:33, 39)*
   - Throughout Scripture, God promised that His Spirit would be poured out on His people. Jesus identified this promise as the coming of the Holy Spirit, who would dwell within believers and empower them for God's purposes.

   *Discuss:*
   - *Why do you think God repeatedly promised the Holy Spirit throughout Scripture before Jesus' followers received Him?*
   - *How does knowing that the Holy Spirit is God's promised gift change the way you view His presence and power in your life?*

2. **Is "The Promise" Distinct?** *(Ephesians 1:13; Romans 8:9; Luke 24:49)*
   - Scripture teaches that every believer receives the Holy Spirit and is sealed as God's own. The Spirit's presence marks us as God's people, while His ongoing filling empowers us for daily life and ministry.

   *Discuss:*
   - *How might being strengthened and continually filled by the Spirit look different from simply knowing that the Spirit lives within you?*
   - *Why do you think we need ongoing dependence on the Holy Spirit rather than relying on a past spiritual experience?*

3. **How Do I Receive "The Promise"?** *(Luke 11:13; Luke 24:49; Acts 1:4–8)*
   - Jesus instructed His followers to ask, stay, wait, receive, and become. The promise calls us into active dependence on God rather than passive observation.

   *Discuss:*
   - *What does it look like for you to ask God for the Holy Spirit's work and power in your life?*
   - *What might God be asking you to stay or wait for rather than rushing ahead?*