

HOLY SPIRIT

Part 1 / You Will Receive Power

INTRODUCTION

- ▶ QUESTION: How clear are you about the person & work of the Holy Spirit?
- ▶ NOTE: Jesus Christ was very clear about the person & work of the Holy Spirit (John 16:6-7)

STAGGERING TRUTH: It is _____ to live in the _____ of the _____ than in the days when _____ lived in the _____.

COMMAND TO WAIT & PROMISE OF POWER (Acts 1:4-5,6-8)

- ▶ Promise kept! (Acts 2:2-4)

POWER TO...

- 1 _____ - _____ souls (Acts 2:37)
- 2 Create _____ (Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:34)
- 3 _____ (Acts 3:1-10; 5:16; 8:7; 9:32-34; 14:8-10; 19:11-12; 28:8)
- 4 _____ (Acts 5:29)
- 5 _____ God's Word _____ (Acts 4:31)

3 REQUESTS FOR ALL OF US DURING THIS SERIES

- 1 That we _____ the Holy Spirit's ministry (John 3:8)
- 2 That we _____ with the Holy Spirit's work in our lives
 - ▶ Don't _____ the Spirit. (Ephesians 4:30)
 - ▶ Don't _____ the Spirit. (1 Thessalonians 5:19)
 - ▶ _____ in the Spirit (Galatians 5:16)
- 3 That we earnestly _____ the Holy Spirit to _____ His _____ in our lives & church
 - ▶ Ephesians 3:16 - *I pray that out of (God's) glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being.*



Prayer

Take a few moments to catch up with one another and follow up on any previous prayer requests. Ask the Lord to be in the midst of your time and conversations today.

My Story

Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "*parakletos*" (John 14:16; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7) meaning "*one who comes alongside to help or assist.*" How likely are you to ask someone else for help? What normally stops you from asking for help or assistance?

Digging Deep

- 1) On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very low and 10 being very high), how would you rate your understanding about the person and work of the Holy Spirit? Please share with your group questions or issues about the Holy Spirit you would like better clarified.
- 2) The theme of this week's message was receiving power from the Holy Spirit. Have you ever been especially aware of the Holy Spirit's empowering in a specific situation? (i.e., evangelism, teaching, counseling, prayer, worship, generosity, etc.)
- 3) In your opinion, should we expect the Holy Spirit to do miracles today? If so, what kind of miracles?

Digging Deeper

- 4) Read John 16:6-7. Why is it good that Jesus was going away? How is the internal presence of the Holy Spirit better than the physical presence of Jesus?
- 5) Read Acts 1:6-8. Briefly review your sermon notes regarding the various manifestations of POWER that the Holy Spirit brought about in the early church. How do we access this power?

- 6) Read Acts 2:2-4. What actually happened to these 120 believers? See Acts 1:15 if needed.

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

- 7) Read Acts 2:42-47. List some of the works of the Holy Spirit following His coming in power on the Day of Pentecost. Why is community a fruit of the Holy Spirit's work?
 - 8) Read the following 3 verses (commands). What do these commands mean and how does the condition of our relationship with the Holy Spirit depend upon our response to these commands?
 - Ephesians 4:30
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:19
 - Galatians 5:16

Taking it Home (EXTRA CREDIT!)

- 9) Read 2 Corinthians 13:14. What do you think "*the fellowship of the Holy Spirit*" means? Do you have that? Do you want it? Why or why not?

Praying Together

Pray with one another that we may seek to better understand and submit to the ministry of the Holy Spirit.