

## **The Power of the Holy Spirit**

**BIG IDEA:** The Christian life is not powered by effort. It is empowered by the Spirit.

**Core Question:** What does the power of the Holy Spirit actually look like?

### **SECTION 1: There Is Always More**

#### **Read**

- 2 Peter 1:3

#### **Observe**

According to Peter, what has God's divine power already provided?

#### **Reflect**

- Where am I tempted to believe I don't have what I need to follow Jesus?
- How does this verse challenge that thinking?

#### **Pray**

"Father, help me trust that You have already provided what I need through Your Spirit."

### **SECTION 2: Power Is Tied to Purpose**

#### **Read**

- Isaiah 61:1–4

#### **Observe**

What purposes are listed after the phrase:

"The Spirit of the Lord God is on me because..."

List each one.

#### **Reflect**

- What does this passage teach about the relationship between power and purpose?
- Which of these ministries do you see most needed in our community today?

#### **Key Insight**

God's power is not given for personal significance but for participation in His mission.

### **SECTION 3: Jesus Modeled Dependence on the Spirit**

#### **Read**

- John 5:19–20
- Luke 4:1–14

#### **Observe**

How does Jesus describe His relationship with the Father?

What role does the Spirit play in Luke's account?

#### **Reflect**

- Why is it significant that Jesus did not minister independently?
- What areas of my life am I trying to handle without God's help?

#### **Key Insight**

If Jesus relied on the Spirit, we should not expect to succeed apart from Him.

## **SECTION 4: Jesus Sends Us the Same Way**

### **Read**

- John 20:21–22
- Acts 1:8

### **Observe**

What does Jesus give His disciples?

What does He expect them to do?

### **Reflect**

- What does "As the Father has sent me, I also send you" mean for your daily life?
- Do you see yourself as sent by Jesus?

### **Key Insight**

The same Spirit who empowered Jesus now empowers His people.

## **SECTION 5: What Does Spirit-Powered Living Look Like?**

### **Boldness to Speak**

#### **Read**

- Acts 4:13

#### **Reflect**

Where might God be calling you to speak about Jesus with greater courage?

### **Gifts to Build**

#### **Read**

- 1 Corinthians 12:7

#### **Reflect**

How has God gifted you to strengthen others?

### **Love to Reflect Christ**

#### **Read**

- John 15:12
- 1 John 4:12

#### **Reflect**

Who is difficult for you to love right now?

How might the Spirit help you love them?

### **Endurance to Remain Faithful**

#### **Read**

- Acts 7:55
- Hebrews 12:2

#### **Reflect**

What challenge or hardship requires endurance in your life right now?

How does fixing your eyes on Jesus change your perspective?

## **SECTION 6: The Greatest Evidence of the Spirit's Power**

### **Read**

- 2 Corinthians 4:6–18

### **Observe**

What contrasts does Paul describe?

- Afflicted but not crushed
- Perplexed but not despairing
- Persecuted but not abandoned

### **Reflect**

Why does Paul connect weakness and God's power?

### **Key Truth**

The greatest evidence of the Spirit's power is not just what happens in a moment, but what is sustained over a lifetime.

### **Final Reflection**

#### **Ask Yourself**

- Where am I trying to live the Christian life in my own strength?
- Where am I striving instead of depending?
- What would reliance on the Holy Spirit look like this week?

#### **Prayer**

"Father, teach me to rely on Your Spirit. Help me stop striving in my own strength and learn to walk in Your power. Make me faithful to Your mission and fruitful for Your glory. Amen."