

The Power of the Holy Spirit Acts 1–2

Opening Question

- Share about a time you felt completely out of your depth—unprepared or overwhelmed. What made that situation difficult?

Read Together: Acts 1:4–8, Acts 2:1–4

Key Idea: What God calls us to is bigger than us. We need the power of the Holy Spirit to live faithfully.

Discussion Questions

1. Waiting vs. Rushing (Acts 1:4–5)

Jesus told the disciples to *wait* for the Holy Spirit.

- Think about the times you are tempted to rush into your plans. How might we benefit from slowing down, praying and inviting the Holy Spirit before rushing into our plans?
- Where are you tempted to rely on your own strength instead of God's?

2. Empowered for a Purpose (Acts 1:8)

The Spirit gives power to be witnesses.

- What comes to mind when you hear the word “witness”?
- Where has God placed you right now (home, work, relationships)?
- How could you be a witness there in a simple, practical way?

3. Living Beyond Comfort

We often choose comfort over obedience.

- Which of these do you relate to most?
 - Avoiding difficult conversations
 - Saying no to serving because it's inconvenient
 - Choosing what's easy over what's right
 - Other: _____
- What is one area where God may be calling you out of your comfort zone?

4. What the Spirit Empowers in Us

The Holy Spirit gives power for everyday life. Which of these do you need most right now?

- Loving someone difficult
- Resisting temptation
- Having courage to speak about Jesus
- Persevering through a hard situation
- Choosing generosity or forgiveness

5. Power in Weakness

- Read 2 Corinthians 12:8-12. How have you seen God work through weakness or suffering in your life or someone else's?

Application

- What might it look like for you to depend on the Spirit this week?
- Spend time each day asking:

Prayer Time

- “*Holy Spirit, lead and empower me today.*”
- “*Holy Spirit, who do you want me to love for you this week?*”

Closing Thought

“Anywhere the Christian life feels bigger than you—that’s exactly where you need the Holy Spirit.”