

THE SPIRIT'S POWER

FOR STARTERS

1. When you think about Jesus' life and ministry in the New Testament, what stories come to mind that illustrate his power?

2. How have you experienced the Spirit's power in your life? If you don't feel like you have, how would you like to?

Read Acts 1:1-8

Write out verse 8

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3. What does it do to your perception of the Holy Spirit knowing that He is described as a gift to be received?

4. As Jesus speaks of a baptism of the Spirit he mentions baptism in water (verse 5). What do you know about water baptism that might help us understand more about what Jesus means when he says, "you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit"?

5. One of the results of the Spirit in our life is empowerment to be Jesus' witnesses. In what ways do you need the Spirit's power to be a better witness for Jesus?

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6. What would it look like at this place in your life to be more open to the presence and power of the Holy Spirit?

Read Ephesians 5:15-20

7. From your reading of this passage what do you think it means to “be filled with the Holy Spirit?”
8. Who do you know that you would describe as a person who is “filled with the Spirit” and what do you see going on in their life that makes you say that?
9. In your understanding, how does one go about being “filled with the Spirit” (another way it’s described is being “baptized in the Holy Spirit”)?
10. What questions has this study raised for you?