



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Power for What?

John 14:12 & Acts 1:8

Question 1 - This week, we continued our sermon series focusing on empowerment by the Holy Spirit. Pastor Dan worked first to create a new desire for more of the Holy Spirit in our lives and started by offering these Bible verses as inspiration.

- Wisdom - Isaiah 11:2
- Truth - John 14:7
- Learning - John 14:26
- Helper - Romans 8:26
- Hope - Romans 15:13
- Revelation - 1st Corinthians 2:10
- Freedom - 2nd Corinthians 3:17
- Fruit - Galatians 5:22
- Power - Acts 1:8

What are some of your thoughts and feelings as you read this Scripture?

Question 2 - Pastor Dan went on to share the final message of Jesus to His followers according to each Gospel author and again in Acts.

- Matthew 28:18-20
- Luke 24:29
- Acts 1:8
- Mark 16:15-18
- John 20:21-22

Please share your thoughts on the similarities in Jesus' message from each scripture reference.

Question 3 - The first fill in of the sermon was "I can access the same power as Jesus." It may feel strange to think this or say it out loud, but scripture confirms this is true. Can you share a little about how you are feeling about this truth?

- Are you struggling to understand what this looks like in your life?
- Or maybe you have experienced the power of the Holy Spirit in your life many times?

Question 4 - The second fill in said "knowing what's possible positions me to move forward with greater expectation." This fill in was working to support the first point Pastor Dan made. "As Christians we don't work to be empowered by the Holy Spirit on a daily basis because we simply don't know what's truly possible."

- Have you found this to be true in other aspects of your life? Does learning or experiencing a new or better result, create a greater expectation? If so, please share an example.
- Does understanding that this is a universal truth work to create a greater expectation for you in your faith journey, and specifically in partnership with the Holy Spirit?

Question 5 - The final fill in stated, "The Holy Spirit wants to work through me not for me." Sometimes as Christians we can get confused and start to think that God, or Jesus, or the Holy Spirit are here taking part in our story, when the truth is that we get the honor to join in His story. The Holy Spirit wants to work through us, but we do get to choose at what level we say yes to God. Christians all over the world say yes to Jesus every time and on all levels. Sadly, so many Christians choose to hold back, and only give over portions of their lives as opposed to all of their lives. The conscious or unconscious decision to say no to Jesus will impact how active the Holy Spirit is in our lives.

- Please share if you can see a difference in your life when you are fully submitted to God, in comparison to times when you have struggled to be fully submitted.
- If possible, please share what is holding you back - Are you fully submitted to God in your life right now?