



LEADER'S NOTES

Be Empowered

Acts 1-2

Question 1 – Be Empowered

Start by asking if anyone has ever forgotten about a reward or benefit they didn't know they had (loyalty points, gift cards, etc.). It's a lighthearted way to introduce the idea of "unclaimed spiritual power." Then gently shift to asking about the Holy Spirit.

If you're comfortable, share a time when you forgot or underused the Spirit's presence in your own life. Remind the group that it's common—even mature believers go through seasons of disconnection or forgetfulness. This is a grace-filled space to remember together.

Question 2 - [The] Holy Spirit

This is a great time to invite honest conversation about confusion or discomfort around the Holy Spirit. Ask your group what they were taught growing up—or not taught at all—about the Spirit.

Refer to **John 14:16-18** and **John 16:7**, and ask them to imagine what it would feel like if they truly believed Jesus didn't leave them alone. Help them process how viewing the Spirit as a "who" rather than an "it" might change how they talk to God, how they pray, or how they experience His nearness.

Question 3 – Empowered for New Life

You may want to set this section up by saying: "The Spirit isn't just about power for miracles—it's about making us new from the inside out."

Lead the group through a quick reading of **2 Corinthians 5:17** and **Galatians 5:22-23**. Invite reflection on which fruit of the Spirit they're growing in right now—or struggling with. Emphasize that the Spirit's work is often quiet, steady, and transformative, like breath or wind. Affirm that becoming a "new creation" is both a one-time miracle and a lifelong journey.

Question 4 – The Holy Spirit Works Through You

Some in your group may think they're not "qualified" to be used by God. Gently challenge that assumption with examples from the sermon—God uses everyday people in everyday places.

Invite them to name where God has placed them this season (e.g. work, family, friendships), and ask what it would look like to be available to the Spirit in that space. Be sensitive if this section brings up fears, insecurity, or feelings of inadequacy. Affirm that the Spirit equips, not just calls.

Question 5 – Living Out the Gift

Use the Tesla illustration from the sermon to talk about "staying charged" and connected to the source. You can ask, "What drains you spiritually? And what helps you feel recharged?"

Encourage the group to share personal rhythms or practices that help them stay attuned to the Holy Spirit. If your group is in different spiritual seasons, that's okay—help them encourage one another rather than compare. End with a reminder: We don't chase a feeling—we stay connected to a person.

Invite the group to pray over each other that they would be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be transformed and live more boldly on mission with Him.