



WELCOME *to* **RIVERSIDE** CHURCH

Big Lake - Buffalo - Sauk Rapids

ONE CHURCH
MULTIPLE CAMPUSES
ONE FAMILY

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Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

What television family is the most relatable to your own?

1. Do you regularly feel the empowerment of the Holy Spirit inside you and how does it give you confidence to live as Jesus commands?
2. Read **Romans 8:11** and **Philippians 3:10a**. If we believe what the Bible says is true—that we will be raised just as Christ was—how does the power of the resurrection enable you to endure discomfort, insult, accusation, slander, belittling, etc. for the mission of Jesus?
3. Pastor Kyle shared a story about a young man trapped in a sin spiral of pornography. While a Christ-follower who recognized that it was destructive, He had yet to discover that he had to fight with the resurrection power of God to overcome it. The young man's fight started with his surrender to Christ, moved into confession and then into action. Think of your "sin spiral": what is the next swing in the fight that you need to take as you lean into the resurrection power available to you?
4. Read **Ephesians 3:16-19**. Take 5 minutes to write down in your own words, a description of God's love for you based on those verses.

CHALLENGE: Read the verses and your description at least twice every day this week. Report back to your small group during your next meeting about how this has impacted your life.

5. *Because of grace: I have the power to never die; I have power over sin; I have the power to know God's love; and I have the power to be a witness. If you lived your whole life on these promises, how would that change your life?*

PERSONAL GUIDE

This Personal Guide has been adapted from Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.

Day One: John 16; Psalm 28

Day Two: Deuteronomy 25; Proverbs 23

Day Three: 1 Chronicles 6; 2 Corinthians 11

Day Four: Revelation 5; Daniel 7

Day Five: Ecclesiastes 12; Acts 10



"Alive to Power"

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BIG IDEA

Because I'm awake to grace, I'm _____ to _____.

What does being alive to power look like in our daily lives?

1. Because I'm awake to grace, I have the power to _____ . (**Revelation 1:17b-18**)

Jesus' resurrection is the _____ of what _____ power is.

True power belongs to the person who rose from the dead.

When we put our faith in Him...that power becomes our power.

(**Romans 8:11** and **Philippians 3:10a**)

2. Because I'm awake to grace, I have power _____. (**Romans 6:6-7, 10a, 11**)

Jesus died on the cross so that we'd be free from sin. This is the practical power for us today.

3. Because I'm awake to grace, I have the power to _____. (**Ephesians 3:16-19**)

We need to care far _____ about how we feel towards God and care way _____ about how God feels towards us. (**Romans 5:8**)

4. Because I'm awake to grace, I have the power to _____. (**Acts 1:8**)

This display of power is not in muscle. It's in mission!

God did not give you purposeless power. He gave you His power to be His witness.

The Gospel is an upside-down message.

- God doesn't save the _____. He saves the _____.
- God's not attracted to the _____. He's attracted to the _____.
- He's not looking to love the people whose lives are _____... He's looking for the people who realize, 'I don't have the strength to make this work.'

If you are a Christ-follower, _____ power and
_____ around the cross.

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If you are a Christ-follower, redefine power and reorient around the cross.

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