

# SEND



## POWER INCLUDED

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### WORSHIP (15 MINS)

**Venue:** Home gatherings

Sing one or two songs or play a song from You Tube.

**Venue:** Public place (school, café, park, etc.) or Via Online,

Testimonies: "What is your "high" or "your "low" this past week?"

Opening Prayer

### WELCOME (15 MINS)

Welcome guests/first-time visitors.

**Memory Verse: Acts 1:8**

**Ice-breaker Q:** When was the last time you needed your phone charger but couldn't find it anywhere? Where did you ask help?

**Quote:** "The baptism of the Holy Spirit is not for the purpose of cleansing from sin, but for the purpose of empowering for service."

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### WORD(30-45 MINS) Text:ACTS 1:5-8NLT

**Intro:** The Lord Jesus' call for His disciples to be His witnesses comes with the supernatural power to fulfill it. He promised the power the Holy Spirit provides to get the impossible task done of witnessing for Christ from Jerusalem to the ends of the earth. How can this be possible?

#### 1. ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT'S POWER – ACTS 1:12-13, 14 NLT

The Lord promised the power of the Holy Spirit for the challenging mission He entrusted to them, and their response was prayer—they prayed for 10 days. In the same way, with a heart of obedience and dependence, we should seek the Spirit's full presence and work in our lives. Whether it means praying for 10 days, more or less, with or without fasting, what truly matters is the heart—a heart desperate for the Spirit's guidance and power.

**Q:** When was the last time you faced a situation where you needed God's help, wisdom, strength or encouragement. Would you be able to share how the Lord helped or strengthened you?

**Q:** What does it look like to have a "heart desperate for the Spirit's guidance and power" in your daily life?

**Q:**When you go through a tough time in life, how do you seek the Holy Spirit's help to strengthen you—through prayer, fasting, or another way?

#### 2. YIELD TO THE HOLY SPIRIT – ACTS 1:1-4

Don't just pray— but fully surrender to the Holy Spirit's guidance and power. When the Holy Spirit descended in the upper room during the Day of Pentecost, their experience was anything but ordinary. They spoke in tongues as the Holy Spirit enabled them, and afterward, Peter—who had denied Jesus three times—boldly preached to a crowd of 3,000 people in Jerusalem.

We should expect the extraordinary and the supernatural, when the Holy Spirit empowers us for the Lord's mission.

**Q:** Have you ever felt like God was leading you to do something, but you hesitated? What happened?

**Q:** What do you think would change in your life if you fully surrendered to the Holy Spirit's guidance every day?

**Q:** The disciples experienced something extraordinary when they yielded to the Holy Spirit. What "extraordinary" thing do you think God might want to do through you?

### Leader's Tips:

S - Sensitivity. No one should feel left out.

P - Participation is encouraged.

A - Acknowledge. Make guests feel welcomed.

C - Confidentiality. What is shared stays in the group.

E - Encouragement. Be a blessing to one another.

### 3. CONTINUE TRUSTING AND YIELDING TO THE HOLY SPIRIT –

After facing their first persecution and receiving threats from the Jewish council of elders, the disciples came together in prayer—and once again, they were filled with the Holy Spirit. Even the Apostle Paul, in his letter to the Ephesian Church, emphasized the importance of continually being filled with the Holy Spirit.

**"Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit,..." Eph. 5:18 NLT**

**Q:** The disciples didn't stop praying and seeking the Spirit even after receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, how do you keep relying on God instead of relying on your own strength?

**Q:** What do you think hinders you to fully trust the Holy Spirit on a regular basis?

**Q:** The Apostle Paul said we should be continually filled with the Holy Spirit, what are some practical ways you can keep growing in your faith and continue your dependence on God?

#### Conclusion:

Being filled with the Holy Spirit isn't just about speaking in tongues—it's about having the power to effectively share Christ to people who do not know Him as Lord and Savior. Our focus should be on obedience and fruitfulness in His mission.

**Truth:** God never intended for us to do His work alone; He promised the Holy Spirit's presence and power, just as He did for the early church.

#### Challenge:

Which of these three points challenged or motivated you the most? How can we start applying these teachings on our need for the Holy Spirit today?

### What is your take-away from this lesson?

#### WORK: The Challenge (15 mins.)

**P- Pray** for one another. Ask "what can I pray for you?"

**R- Remind** to invite a friend on the next gathering.

**A- Apply** the message during the week.

**Y- Yearn** to share your faith with someone during the week.