

SEND



POWER INCLUDED

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: Can you recall a time in your marriage when you needed God's help, wisdom, strength, or encouragement? How did He come through for you?

Q: What does having a "heart desperate for the Spirit's guidance and power" look like in your daily life as a couple?

Q: When facing challenges in your marriage or family life, how do you seek the Holy Spirit's help—through prayer, fasting, or other spiritual practices?

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 God leading you to take a step of faith in your marriage, but you hesitated? What was the outcome?

Q: How do you think fully surrendering to the Holy Spirit's guidance could impact your relationship with your spouse and family?

Q:The disciples experienced extraordinary things when they yielded to the Holy Spirit. What "extraordinary" work do you think God wants to do through you as a couple?

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.

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For Married Couples

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 continued seeking the Holy Spirit even after receiving Him. How do you and your spouse keep relying on God rather than your own strength?

Q: What are some common fears or doubts that make it difficult to fully trust the Holy Spirit in your marriage and personal life?

Q: Paul encourages believers to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. What practical steps can you and your spouse take to grow in faith and dependence on God together?

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.