



Grace Group Guide



United Purpose: Together we will designate time and place to deepening our desire for God, caring for and urging each other to action!

United Actions: WL Groups...

- Scripture:** Be in the Word together
- Encouragement:** One another each other
- Prayer:** With and for each other and the lost
- Accountability:** Now What? Put it into action!



-ICEBREAKER-

- What do you think of when you hear the word “powerful”? What is power?
- Do we see the Holy Spirit’s power today? Why or why not?

Overview: Over the last couple of weeks, we have been discussing the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Last week, Pastor Bruce spoke on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, encouraging us to practice and use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us. This week we will be looking at the **Spirit’s power** and discussing what that means for us.

-DISCUSSION-

Leader Note: There is no key passage for today. As you answer the questions below, try to make sure your answers are rooted in Scripture. Some possible answers with Scripture references have been given.

- When do we receive the power of the Holy Spirit?
 - We receive the power of the Holy Spirit when we hear the truth of the gospel and believe in Christ. (Eph. 1:13)
 - Not by the law but by believing. (Gal. 3:2)
- How does the Spirit give us power today?
 - We receive power to be witnesses of Jesus. (Acts 1:8)
 - We receive power, love, and self-control. (2 Tim. 2:7)
 - We have the power that raised Jesus from the dead. (Eph. 1:19-20)
 - We have power to tear down Satan’s strongholds. (Matt. 16:18)
- What are some reasons why we might not see the Holy Spirit’s power?
 - We have not accepted the gospel, and therefore, we do not have the Holy Spirit. (1 Cor. 2:14)
 - We are not walking in the Spirit but in the flesh and therefore actively grieving the Holy Spirit. (Eph. 4:30)

-REFLECTION-

- Are you living in the power of the Holy Spirit? Why or why not?
 - **Note:** Think about various aspects of your life such as your job, family, friends, or even how you spend your time. Consider these in light of the power of the Spirit.
- Are you living according to the flesh or according to the Spirit?

- **Note:** Before you answer this question, read Romans 8:9-11 & Galatians 5:13-26

-APPLICATION-

- Read Galatians 5:13-26 and Romans 8 (esp. Verses 9-11) repeatedly this week and take time to understand what it means to walk in the power of the Spirit rather than the flesh.
- Take time to memorize one of these passages and include them in your prayer life (incorporate the words/ideas in these verses when you pray):
 - Jude 1:20
 - Ephesians 6:18
 - Romans 8:26-27
 - 1 Corinthians 14:15

-PRAY-

- Father, thank you that through Jesus we may live in the power of the Holy Spirit. We acknowledge that we do not always recognize the power of the Holy Spirit, but this is not a lack of power; it is a lack of attentiveness. We pray that we would be attentive and live in the power of the Holy Spirit.
- Lord, help us to acknowledge that apart from the Holy Spirit we have no power. Forgive us when we choose to rely on ourselves rather than the Holy Spirit, and humble us so that we would live in complete dependency on the Spirit's power.