



The Flames From Heaven

Sunday Bible Study Guide | April 19, 2026

Weekly Memory Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Acts 1:8

Mixer

What's one thing you're hoping God will do in your life this year? What would "revival" look like for you personally?

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Matthew 11:11; 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5

Sermon Recap & Prayer

Pastor Jared explored the ascension of Jesus and the coming of the Holy Spirit, emphasizing that Christianity isn't just about believing facts. It's about accessing divine power. Just as Jesus went UP at the ascension, the Holy Spirit came DOWN at Pentecost, bringing transformative power to ordinary people who believe in Jesus. This same power is available to us today.

Discussion Questions

Observation: What does the passage say?

1. Read **Acts 1:6-8**. The disciples wanted Jesus to restore Israel politically. How does Jesus redirect their focus? What does this teach us about God's priorities versus our own?
2. Before this sermon, how did you think about the Ascension? Was it just "Jesus leaving" or did you see it as the beginning of something powerful?

3. Pastor Jared compared the Ascension to the Artemis 2 rocket, which went up with power, but came down with even greater force. How does this image help you understand Pentecost and the Holy Spirit's arrival?

Interpretation: What does the passage mean?

1. Read **2 Corinthians 12:9-10**. Paul says he "boasts gladly" in his weaknesses. Why is this so countercultural? How is this different from the "be like David" mentality?
2. Jesus said even the "least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than John the Baptist" (**Matthew 11:11**). What does this reveal about the power available to every believer, regardless of their past or present struggles?
3. What areas of weakness or brokenness in your life might God want to use to display His power? (anxiety, addiction, fear, people-pleasing, comparison, etc.)

Application: How can we apply these passages to our lives?

1. Pastor Jared said, "If you occasionally read the Bible, you'll occasionally see a little bit of the power." Be honest, how consistently are you engaging with God's Word? What's one practical change you could make this week?
2. Read **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5**. The gospel came "not simply with words, but also with power." Where in your life do you most need to see God's power demonstrated this week?
 - In a specific relationship?
 - In your marriage?
 - In your parenting?
 - In your workplace?
 - In your emotional health?

Huddles

Break into small groups of 3-4 people of the same gender for deeper sharing, accountability, and prayer.

- Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit on your group.
- Pray for specific areas where group members need God's power.
- Pray for revival in your church, your city, and your generation.
- Pray that wherever you go this week, the power of God would be evident through you.

Pray specifically: "God, help us not just to know about You, but to experience Your power. Transform us from the inside out. Use our weaknesses to display Your strength. Amen."

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