



## **Holy Spirit: Purpose and Power**

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*Luke 5:4-10; Acts 1:6-7; Matthew 16:21-23; Luke 22:33-34*

*Acts 2:1-4, 14, 38-39, 41; 4:1-4, 7-8, 13, 18-20; 6:3; 9:17; 13:9; Eph 5:18*

### **How to experience more of the Holy Spirit in your life:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit through \_\_\_\_\_. (*Luke 11:13 NLT*)

2. Take \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Keep being \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit because the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_.

## Midweek Small Group Discussion:

### Acts 1:1-9

What do you give the person who “has everything”?

Read Acts 1:1-9

Putting yourself in the sandals of those disciples, what thoughts and feelings would you have had hearing Jesus’ closing words and watching him disappear in the clouds?

What is your typical response to “waiting” to receive a gift? Anxious? Excited? Laid back? Cynical? Explain your answer. In verse 4, Jesus instructed the disciples to wait for the “gift” that the Father promised. What gift is Jesus referring to?

When you think of “power,” what words or images come to mind?

- How are your initial impressions of “power” similar to – or different from – the power Jesus talked about in Acts 1:8?
- Considering Jesus’ use of the word “power,” who is the most powerful person in your life?
- Do you think of yourself as a powerful person? Why or why not?

Why was it important for the disciples to shift their gaze from the sky to the world around them? (verse 11) What could be the application for your life?

The Bay Area is home to many men and women whom the world considers powerful. Possibly in contrast to their examples, what form of power do you think would most benefit the people of this community and those you work with?

What area of your life is the Spirit’s power most visible through you?

What areas in your life seem to be blocked from receiving the Spirit’s power?

Name specific ways you can position yourself to receive the power of the Holy Spirit.

Concluding prayer:

*Dear Heavenly Father, I ask you to stir up within me the fullness of Your Holy Spirit. Help me to grow in my relationship with the Third Person of Your Holy Trinity and to live in His power and use His gifts. I pray this through Jesus Christ my Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*