

Searching for God's Glory

WEEK SEVEN

Acts 1:8

BEAUTIFUL POWER



FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind.

Leaders: Take your group through each section: Pray, Reflect, and Reach. Keep in mind the time allowances. In the Reflect section, feel free to focus on several of these questions instead of all as time allows.

Did you know that your life tells a story? For some it's rags to riches, for others its success through hard work, and for some it's trial, suffering and pain. However, for the Christian, our story is God's love relentlessly demonstrated to us through the person of Jesus Christ. Our story expresses the beauty of God's power that shines like a light in the darkness, that brings hope to the hopeless.

What the world unknowingly thirsts for today is the beauty of the Christian witness that reveals the gracious power of God. This is the story that God wants to speak through your life and He's empowered you by His Holy Spirit to do that very thing. Being a witness isn't only about sharing your faith from time to time. It's about living a life that testifies to the mercy, grace and love of God.

What story is your life telling? Be daily empowered by God's Spirit so that your life is a beautiful testimony of God's eternal love for you.



WATCH

Play the video prepared for this lesson by Pastor Derek Neider. Video sessions are available for download at www.cclasvegas.org/GROUPS



PRAY (10 min)

As a Home Group, take a moment and share what God has been doing in your life lately.



REFLECT (25 min)

As you've had the opportunity to reflect on what God has spoken to you through the lesson this week, consider these questions as a group and discuss them together.

1. Based on our study, what did Jesus mean when He told His disciples that they would be empowered to be witnesses?

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

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2. Is the empowering of the Spirit a one-time event? Is it something that we wait for like the Apostles did on the day of Pentecost?

What Scriptures support your view? How do you receive the power of God's Spirit to be a witness?

You can try to live off of yesterday's empowering but that dying inertia will leave you spiritually dead in the water.

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3. According to the study, how has God adorned the empowering of His Spirit in your life (think fruit and gifts)?

How do these things bring beauty to your life that entices the unbeliever to seek the Source?

4. How does being empowered by the Spirit bring God glory?



REACH

Considering what God revealed to you this week, how are you planning to be more dependent on the power of God's Spirit. What areas of your life need to be beautified by the Spirit of God.

Next week we will be anxiously waiting to hear how the Holy Spirit empowered you to display the glory of God.

