

**ACTS 1:8** *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

The Holy Spirit plays an important role in our life as individual Christians and our life as Church. Everything we do is because of the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. According to Ephesians 1:13-14, *13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.*

On the day of Pentecost, God gave birth to the church by giving His Holy Spirit to His people so they can have power to make a difference in this world. Since then, every one who has received Jesus as Lord and Savior has also received the promised Holy Spirit! It is the presence of the Spirit in our lives that guarantees that we are saved for all eternity. He is also the seal of ownership that assure us that we belong to God’s awesome spiritual family called the Church. His presence also makes us heirs of the amazing spiritual heritage of blessing which God promised to His people! While we wait for the time when we get to heaven, the Holy Spirit guide us in our spiritual journey and gives the power so that we can share God’s love with others and make a difference in this world! Pastor Jon taught us that,

The Holy Spirit is our inner voice that helps us to follow God. John 16:8.

The Holy Spirit is our teacher. Psalm 18:28

The Holy Spirit is our guide . John 16:13, Isaiah 30:21 & 23

The Holy Spirit is our friend. John 14:16, 2 Corinthians 13:14

The Holy Spirit is our power. Acts 1:8, Acts 2:41.

It was the Holy Spirit that made the early church so powerful and effective. We believe that the Holy Spirit still works in and through believers to accomplish His will. His power leads us, convicts us, teaches us, and equips us to do His work and share Jesus with others the gospel. It is the Holy Spirit who will make our lives effective! God can do great things through us when we obey.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEXT STEPS:

- July 2 - Outdoor Worship and Baptism Bash
- Arrows (Parenting Seminar in August)
- Pray for Elijah dela Cruz, our guest preacher next Sunday.

#### PRAY TOGETHER

- Salvation, that more people will come to know Jesus.
- For Pastor Jon and Pastor Ta as they lead us.
- Mosaic DGroups

#### GOAL FOR THIS STUDY:

Jesus promised us the Holy Spirit to act as a guide for the remainder of our lives on Earth. Studying who Jesus is and discussing what we believe is ultimately fruitless until we convert it into action through the help of the Holy Spirit. Encourage your DGroup to use this session as a time to reflect on what they’ve learned throughout this study and to find a practical way to respond to this study.

## **Connection and Action**

*Questions to promote conversation and connection*

**Question:**

**What comes to mind whenever you hear the name "Holy Spirit"?**

**Question:**

**Before you became a Christian, what was your belief and understanding about the Holy Spirit?**

**Question:**

**Pastor shared five roles the Spirit has in our lives. Of the five, which one or two areas do you need more of this week? Why so?**

## **Bible and Belief**

*Questions to help believers develop a biblical point of view.*

**READ JOHN 16:8**

**Question:**

**What are your first impressions of this verse? What was the occasion when Jesus said this?**

**Question:**

**What does the verse tell us about the role of the Holy Spirit? Why is conviction important?**

**READ 1 CORINTHIANS 12:1-3**

**Question:**

**What does the Apostle Paul mean in these verses?**

**Question:**

**Based on verse 3, is faith an act that we exercise or is it a gift from God?**

**READ 1 THESSALONIANS 1:4-6**

**Question:**

**What do these verses teach about how the Spirit empowers His people?**

**Question:**

**Have you ever experienced the joy of the Spirit in the midst of a trial?**

**READ ACTS 5:29-32**

**Question:**

**Why are true Christians unshakable in their faith? What keeps us going?**

## **Growing in Leadership**

*Questions to help people grow as leaders.*

**Question:**

**We learned that for every promise there is a command. What are the promise and command in Acts 1:8?**

**Question:**

**How can you experience more of the power of the Holy Spirit, and how can you be more reliant on the Him?**

**Question:**

**What do you think is the role of prayer in our experience of greater power from the Holy Spirit?**

**Question:**

**What do you think is the reason why Christians today are not as effective as the early disciples?**

**Question:**

**If the Apostles were able to lead 3000 people to Jesus on the day of Pentecost, do you think God can use you to lead someone to Jesus this week?**

**Question:**

**Share how you can apply the principles found in Acts 1:8 in your life this week?**