



STUDY GUIDE

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[set up]

Has your group memorized Acts 1:8, the passage Pastor Chad encouraged us to memorize? If not, take a few minutes to memorize it together as a group. It shouldn't take long!

In your life, are you in a "waiting" season or a "working" season?

Has there been a time in your life where you felt like you were empowered by the Holy Spirit to accomplish something? Share that with the group.

[digging deeper]

Part of being empowered by the Holy Spirit to become who you are designed to be means not falling back into the mindset and life pattern of your life before Jesus. Read Romans 6. Can you point out the verses that talk about not falling back into slavery, an old pattern, or the old law? What were you then, and what are you now?

Pastor Josh shared how we often have good intentions in our lives, but they need to become right convictions through the Holy Spirit. Are there any good intentions in your life that you need to give to God so that he can change them into right convictions?

Read Acts 7:54-8:1. Here we see the future Apostle Paul (currently Saul) approving of the execution of Stephen, a follower of Jesus. What do you think were the motives of the people stoning Stephen? What must we do as Christians to make sure we don't condemn people and movements that God might actually be in?

We talked Sunday about how everyone is designed by God, and it is the work of the Holy Spirit to make us who we are designed to be. 2 Peter 1:3 says, "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness." Is there an area in your life that you would like to see God work in? What is holding you back from becoming who God has designed you to be?

[living it out]

Next week we have a special LifeHouse opportunity. We are cancelling the 6:30pm service in order to be LifeHouses during the Super Bowl. Have you thought about how you will use the cultural phenomenon to share the Gospel? Where will you watch the Super Bowl?

What opportunities do you have in your day to day life for living empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Spend some time as a group praying for one another, especially those who need the empowering of the Holy Spirit to do what they must do.