

empowered

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BEGINNINGS | Acts 1:1-7 & 2:1-4

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S U M M A R Y

This past weekend we started into our new series in the book of Acts called Empowered. Over the next couple of months we will be learning about how the story of Jesus continues to unfold through the Holy Spirit in the church. As a community that is devoted to Fullness of Life for Everyone, being fearlessly responsive to the Spirit is the only way we'll ever see that happen in our lives and in the lives of those around us. This is our time to be alive in the Spirit's power as we seek to practice the way of Jesus together.

R E A D

John 6:6-7 | Acts 1:1-7 | Acts 2:1-4

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read.

D I S C U S S

In John 6, Jesus tells his disciples that its good for them that he goes away and sends the Holy Spirit.

- 1) Why did Jesus say it would be 'good for them'?
- 2) Why is living in the era of the Spirit better than living in the days when Jesus walked the earth?

Reflect on Acts 1:1-7 and Acts 2:1-4.

- 3) How would you summarize what is happening in these passages?
- 4) What stands out to you as you read about all that was going on?

We looked at three practices that we can adopt together for this series:

We will embrace the mystery of the Spirit.

We will align ourselves with the Holy Spirit's work in our lives.

We will pray for the Holy Spirit to manifest His power in our lives and in the church.

- 5) What has been your experience with the mysterious ways of the Holy Spirit?
- 6) What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit?

R E S P O N D

Is there an area of resistance to the Spirit in your life right now? What do you sense the Spirit saying to you about that?

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Take some time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

What are you needing the Spirit's power for in your life right now? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in praying for the church, our region, and the world around us.

