

Encounter

Part 5: Jesus Promises You Power

Acts 1:1-11

Launch

If we canceled our normal LifeGroup meeting in order to go share the gospel at the mall, how would you feel? (Excited? Nervous? Intimidated?) Why?

Explore

Read Acts 1:1-11

In Matthew 28, the command given is: “Go, and make disciples....” Here, Jesus says, “Do not leave, but wait....” Why weren’t the disciples supposed to go quickly?

To be “baptized with the Holy Spirit” is equivalent to being “filled with the Holy Spirit.” What does this mean and why is it important?

Read John 16:7-15 and Romans 8:9-11

Why did Jesus say, “...it is for your good that I am going away?”

Based on the passages above, what roles or functions does the Holy Spirit play in our lives?

Apply

People inside and outside the church can be confused about the person and work of the Holy Spirit. What are some common misconceptions? Any that you have personally struggled with?

The Holy Spirit empowers us to serve others, to witness to others, and to grow in Christlike character (spiritual fruit). How have you seen the Holy Spirit active in these areas of your life? Which area needs the most growth?

Pray

Pray that we would be directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit; that, moment-by-moment, He would tell us what to do and give us the power to do it. Pray that He would equip us to use our spiritual gifts and that He would ripen the spiritual fruit in our lives, making us more like Jesus.