

Sermon Discussion Guide

Series: *What's Next*

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Big Idea

God gives every believer the Holy Spirit to transform their lives; empowering them to live in a way that draws others in and to clearly share the hope that they have in Him.



Icebreaker

Who is someone in your life that made you curious about their Christian beliefs & what was it about them that stood out? As you continue to grow in your faith is there someone *today* that continues to peak your curiosity in this way, spurring you on to a continued desire for maturity?



Discussion Questions

1. Read **John 14:15-17a**. Jesus connects loving Him with obedience. What is one command of Jesus that you feel prompted to obey more intentionally in your life right now? What is a concrete step you can take towards that this week?
2. The Disciples get a chance to demonstrate their love through obedience shortly after the words of Jesus (John 14) we read in the prior question. We read it in Acts 1:4-5. Read **Acts 1:4-5**. Now we know from continuing to read Acts that they obeyed His command to wait for the Holy Spirit before stepping into their mission. Where in your life do you tend to rush ahead, or manipulate/control things without relying on God's power? What would it look like to wait on the Spirit instead? Why is this hard & what does it take to do this?
3. Read **Acts 1:8**. Jesus says the Holy Spirit gives us power to be His witnesses. How do you currently see (or not see) that power at work in your daily life...meaning within yourself or at home or at work or within your community?
4. Read **Acts 2:1-12**. The early believers', filled with the Spirit, lived lives that caused people to ask, "*What does this mean?*" In what ways does your life reflect Jesus in a way that others might notice? Where could that become more visible? There is a tension of running ahead of the Spirit &/or trying to manufacture demonstrations of the Spirit. How does one best manage that tension & most appropriately pursue living a life that creates curiosity?
5. Read **Acts 2:13-21**. What, in these verses, takes place after the demonstration of the Spirit (hint: it starts with "e" and rhymes with demonstration)? As we open ourselves up more to the Spirit, asking for & allowing the demonstration of His power through us, why is this "e" word important? Why is it important to do this "e" word well & accurately? What does it take to grow in this? Read **1 Peter 3:15b** & share any thoughts on this passage with one another.



Concluding Question

Read **1 Corinthians 12:7**. The Holy Spirit gives gifts for *the common good*. What gifts, passions, or opportunities has God given you, and how are you currently using (or neglecting) them to serve others? What is the first step you need to take to enter into doing that, if you have been neglecting it?



Prayer

We had amazing Easter season services (i.e. Ash Wednesday, Lent Sermon Series, Good Friday, Easter, Baptisms/Testimonies & more!). Pray that seeds planted or watered will continue to grow. Pray that we all would further embrace Pursuing the Father, Proclaiming Jesus, and Participating with the Holy Spirit!