



Empowered Life (Acts 1–2)

Theme: The Holy Spirit empowers ordinary people

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit invites ordinary people to participate in what God is doing

Opening Question (Icebreaker)

Think about a time you were asked to do something you didn't feel qualified for. How did you respond?

Discussion Questions

1. Waiting vs. Doing

Jesus told the disciples to *wait* before going (Acts 1:4).

- Why do you think waiting was necessary before action?
- What makes waiting on God difficult for you?

2. Ordinary People, Extraordinary Mission

The disciples were not powerful, polished, or fully prepared.

- Do you tend to see yourself as someone God can use? Why or why not?
- What are some common ways we “disqualify” ourselves?

3. Power Source

Acts 1:8 says we receive *power* from the Holy Spirit.

- What does it look like to live out of God's power vs relying on your own strength?
- Where in your life do you feel spiritually tired or “running on empty”?

4. Everyone is Included

In Acts 2, *everyone* is filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Why is it important that the Spirit wasn't just given to a select few?
- How does that challenge the way you think about your role in God's mission?

5. From Sitting to Participating

The Spirit didn't just fill the disciples—He involved them.

- What are some small, everyday ways we can participate in what God is doing?
- Have you ever felt a “nudge” to say or do something? What did you do?

Application

This week, shift from **availability later** to **availability now**:

- **Stop disqualifying yourself:** What's one excuse you need to let go of?
- **Expect God to use you:** Where might God be at work in your daily routine?
- **Act on small nudges:** Identify one simple step (encouragement, prayer, conversation) you can take this week.

Closing Prayer