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LifeGroup

LifeNotes

LifeGroups exist to follow Jesus together, build authentic community, and lead others to Him

Sermon: The Power of the Holy Spirit (Wk. 4 Holy Spirit Series)

(Michael - 9/13/2026)

Primary Scriptures:

Acts 1:4, 8

Supporting Scriptures:

Luke 4:14, Acts 2:23, 36, 40, Acts 4:7–10, 1 Corinthians 2:4–5, Galatians 5:22–23, Zechariah 4:6, Romans 8:13

Ice Breaker Question (15 min): *(Ice Breakers build deeper relationships!)*

What is the best piece of advice someone older than you ever gave you?

Sermon Summary:

We were never meant to follow Jesus through our own strength. Jesus promised His disciples the power of the Holy Spirit because the mission He gave them required more than courage, talent, preparation, or determination could provide. Peter shows us how the Spirit can empower ordinary people to obey with courage, while Paul reminds us that our confidence must rest in God's power rather than our own ability or persuasive words. Zerubbabel reminds us that even when God calls us to work, build, lead, and persevere, His work ultimately requires His enabling. Depending on the Holy Spirit does not mean becoming passive, it means actively obeying while trusting Him to provide what we cannot produce ourselves. As we surrender our self-reliance, ask for His help, and take the next faithful step, the Spirit empowers us to accomplish what human effort alone never can.

Group Discussion Questions (30 - 45 Minutes)

1. When you hear the phrase "dependence on the Holy Spirit," what do you think that actually looks like in everyday life?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 2:4–5. What contrast is Paul making between human ability and God's power? How does this apply to your life?
3. The sermon said, "Dependence upon the Spirit does not replace obedience, it empowers obedience." What do you think the difference is between being passive and genuine dependence on the Spirit?
4. Where might you currently be trying to produce something that only God can ultimately produce: changing another person, defeating sin, creating spiritual fruit, changing someone's heart, or carrying something in your own strength?

Prayer Time (15 min): *(Break into smaller groups, read the following instructions, and pray for one another.)*

Pray:

Pray that God would reveal areas where we have been relying on our own strength, ability, or control instead of depending upon the Holy Spirit. Ask the Holy Spirit to produce in us what we cannot manufacture ourselves: courage, holiness, spiritual fruit, endurance, and greater likeness to Jesus.