

## Promised Power

### RELATE

What from Outlook's Easter service strengthened you and gave you hope?

Would you rather take a pill that gives immortality or one that makes you wake up every morning full of energy and hope?

Share something you hope for, a dream you have. Be specific and personal.

### READ & REFLECT

**John 14:12-17, 16:7    Romans 8:5-32**

Jesus told the disciples that after he left them they would do greater things than he had been doing. What does he mean by that? What two resources make that possible? What would the Spirit do for the disciples (14:15-17)? How does knowing the truth give us power?

According to Romans 8, what does God's Spirit do for those who belong to Christ Jesus (v. 6, 9-13)? How is the bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ a guarantee of this? How do we know we have the Holy Spirit living in us (8:3)?

How much control do you believe you have over your sinful nature? Does that belief jive with Romans 8:9? What does it mean to you that God's Spirit gives us power over our sinful nature?

How do you know that Christ's power is sufficient for your life? In light of the power available to Christians (v. 19), what is your favorite excuse for operating on less than maximum power?

Where do you feel weak and in need of God's power? Into what decisions, relationships and situations do you need to remember to access the Holy Spirit's power?

How amazing is it to you that the Holy Spirit of Christ lives in you and is available to you? How specifically do you access God's power to live in holy hope, peace, and resilience on a daily basis?

### RESPOND

**Next Step** Since God's power is available to you, what do you need to do to take hold of it this week?

**Reflect** I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of his power for us who believe in him. This is the same mighty power that raised Jesus from the dead... Ephesians 1:19-20