

Waiting for The Fire

Acts 1:1-26

Introduction:



I. The _____ of Holy Spirit power. [1-8a]
(cf. Luke 3:16; John 14:15-31; 15:26-27; 16:4-15)

II. The _____ of Holy Spirit power. [8]

III. The _____ for Holy Spirit power. [9-26]

Prayer is the Fuel for Spirit-Empowered Witness!

Application:

1. Our Advantage: Believers are Holy Spirit _____.
(John 7:37-39; 14:16-17; Rom 8:9-11, 15-17; 1 Cor 6:19; 2 Cor 5:5; Eph 1:13-14; 4:30)
2. Our Call: To be Holy Spirit _____.
(Eph 5:18; Acts 4:8, 31; 7:55; 13:9; Gal 5:16-25; Eph 4:30; 1 Thess 5:19)
3. Our Posture: Patient, desperate, & dependent _____.
(Acts 1:14; 4:24-31; Eph 6:18)

For Group Discussion

Personal

Share a time when you had to *wait* for something important (a job, relationship, medical result, prayer answered). How did the waiting affect you?

From the Sermon: “*When The Fire Fell*” [Acts 2:1-47]

I. The Promise of Holy Spirit Power [vv.1–8a]

1. Why do you think Jesus told the disciples to *wait* for the Spirit rather than rush into ministry?
2. How does the promise of the Spirit give confidence to us today as believers?
3. What difference does it make to know the Spirit *already dwells* in every believer (Rom. 8:9–11)?

II. The Purpose of Holy Spirit Power [vv.8b–11]

1. According to Acts 1:8, what is the primary purpose of the Spirit’s power?
2. How might we sometimes seek the Spirit’s power for purposes other than witness?
3. What do you notice about the geographic spread of the gospel (Jerusalem → Judea → Samaria → ends of the earth)?
4. Who are the “Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and ends of the earth” in our lives? Where is God calling us to witness near and far?

III. The Posture for Holy Spirit Power [vv.12–26]

1. The disciples responded by praying together with “one accord.” What does united, persistent prayer look like in our context?
2. Why do you think prayer is so closely tied to being Spirit-filled?
3. How might impatience or self-reliance hinder us from experiencing Spirit-empowered ministry?

Application

1. In your own life, do you more often depend on your own strength or on the Spirit’s strength? What would it look like for you to cultivate a posture of “patient, desperate, dependent prayer” this week?
2. How could our group prioritize prayer for Spirit-empowered mission? (e.g., setting aside time in meetings, starting a prayer chain, fasting together, etc.)
3. Pray together, asking for Spirit-filled boldness, unity, and opportunities to witness.