



FUEL sermon series – Week 3 Group Guide July 9

Begin your group time together with a recap and a review (10 minutes).

RECAP: This week Gary's message focused on being empowered by the Spirit in order to live lives that are following Christ in an unhurried manner for the sake of others. We looked at three AMPs—three ways the Holy Spirit's power flows in us and in the church: Awesome Miraculous Power, Available Ministry Power, and All-important Moral Power.

REVIEW: Think back on the first three sermons: F for Following, U for Unhurried, and E for Empowered. What connections have you made between the three words so far? How is this helping create a fuller picture of who the Spirit is and how he is living in you?

Discuss the sermon (30 minutes).

Pick a few of these questions to fuel your group's conversation.

- Describe one aspect of this sermon that either challenged you, you had questions about, or that deepened your faith.
- In his sermon, Gary used the word "sufficient" to describe a Rolls Royce's horsepower, then said that the power of the Spirit is "more than sufficient." When have you experienced first-hand God's power to be more than sufficient?
- Before the sermon, how would you have described the Holy Spirit's power? What, if anything, changed after hearing the sermon?



- Let's look at each of the flows of the Spirit's power.
 - Read Romans 8:9-11. What does it mean to you that the *awesome miraculous power* that rose Jesus from the dead is living in you?
 - Read Acts 1:8. How is the *available ministry power* of the Spirit transforming you to pursue ministry? What does it mean to, "want the Spirit's power not for my benefit, but for the benefit of others"?
 - Read Romans 6:1-4. Name an area in your life where the *all-important moral power* of the Spirit is changing you to look more like Jesus. Where are you in the process? How would you describe the process?
- In what ways are you trying to become like Jesus, follow him, and serve him in your own power? What might change if you allowed the Spirit to empower you?

Break into smaller groups to discuss the questions Gary posed at the end of the sermon (20 minutes).

As a smaller group, choose one or two of the following questions to wrestle with—imagine what life in the Spirit might look like, identify what's holding you back from trusting in the Spirit, lay down the obstacle that's getting in your way, confess, etc. Respond in a way that will help you take a step toward God.

- Could it be that we are experiencing an anemic, run-of-the-mill, stale spiritual lives?
- Could it be that just as "curiosity killed the cat," mediocrity is killing the Church?
- Do we want to see God move in our lives, marriages, jobs, relationships, and more?



- Do we want to experience God in deeper ways, transforming us day-by-day, even moment-by-moment?
- Do we long to make a difference in this world, shaping and impacting the lives around us with good and for God?
- Do we yearn to see the hand of God work in supernatural ways in our lives?

Pray for each other as each person responds. Ask the Spirit to fill you more and more in each area of life. Ask for the desire to want the Spirit to fill you. Ask God to grow your trust in him.

Come back together as a large group to recap and finish with prayer (10 minutes).

Have each person share how they want to be more empowered by the Spirit. Pray for encouragement to reign in the process, not shame.

Once you've finished discussing, take turns sharing prayer requests. End your group time with prayer out loud for one another.

Access extra resources throughout this sermon series by visiting thecreek.org/devotionals.

You'll find:

- Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Holy Spirit.
- Weekly spiritual practices that correlate with Sunday's message.