

YOUR NEW POWER

New Life in Christ

3/3 Session for New Believers

Topic: The Role of the Holy Spirit in Our Lives

Question: How does God empower those who follow Jesus?

Report & Celebrate (20-40 minutes)

1. Share & Care

Share life's journey by spending time together and communicating during the week. Talk about your joys and your struggles, and support one another in prayer.



Care

2. Accountability

Following Jesus

- What have you learned about prayer since last time?
- How have you grown in your prayer life this past week?



Report

Fishing for Jesus

- Which family and friends have you been praying for?
- Has God given you opportunities to witness? If not, what opportunities did you miss? Excuses made?
- Is anyone you're discipling, discipling someone else?



Sow

3. Worship

Praise God for what has just been shared. Use a song, read a Psalm, or share a testimony of answered prayer!



Worship

Notes:

- **Model** mutual accountability by answering these questions yourself.
- Meet with one of your disciples during the week and go over this material with them. Prepare them to lead the first 2 parts of group time. Meet with them after the group; affirm what they did well and provide some suggestions for improvement.

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" 2 Corinthians 5:17

Hear & Obey (20-40 minutes)

4. New Lesson - What does the story **SAY**?

Have people read each of the passages through once (John 14:15-18,26, John 16:7-9, Acts 1:8, and Romans 8:26-27).

- *What truths do you learn from these passages?*

Appoint someone to make a list. Reread the passages one at a time and discuss:

- *What role does the Holy Spirit play in our lives?*



Learn

5. Application - What must I **OBEY**?

- *How will my life change based on what I'm learning?*
- *Is there something God expects of me?*



Correct

Notes:

- Explain that the passages in John are the night before Jesus' death. Jesus is telling his followers who have been with him almost daily for the past 3 years that he is going to die soon, but he promises he won't leave them alone, but will send his Holy Spirit.



Guide

Do's and Do Not's

- **Do** let the Holy Spirit be the teacher.
- **Do** remember to study for obedience rather than for knowledge!
- **Don't** dominate the conversation; encourage everyone to participate. Facilitator = 30%, Participants = 70%
- **Don't** demand correct answers.
- **Don't** get distracted, stay on topic.

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

John 14:15-18, 26

15 [Jesus said] *“If you love Me, obey My commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. 17 He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth. The world cannot receive Him, because it isn’t looking for Him and doesn’t recognize Him. But you know Him, because He lives with you now and later will be in you. 18 No, I will not abandon you as orphans—I will come to you.*

26 But when the Father sends the Advocate as My representative—that is, the Holy Spirit—He will teach you everything and will remind you of everything I have told you.”

The Work of the Holy Spirit

John 16:7b-9

7 *“It is best for you that I go away, because if I don’t, the Advocate won’t come. If I do go away, then I will send Him to you. 8 And when He comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God’s righteousness, and of the coming judgment. 9 The world’s sin is that it refuses to believe in Me.”*

The Power of the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8a

8 *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about Me everywhere...”*

Romans 8:26-27

26 And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. 27 And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, for the Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.

Go & Tell (20-40 minutes)

6. Practice

- Discuss “gospel bridges”: different ways you can transition from ordinary conversation to spiritual conversation.
- Do a role play and **model** for them how this is done.
- Pair up and practice.



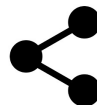
Equip

7. Plan - With whom will I **SHARE**?

- Which of your non-believing family or friends will you be praying for this week?
- With whom will you share the gospel?



Plan



Reproduce

8. Cast Vision

Use a story, a Bible passage, or a personal illustration to cast a compelling vision of how God wants to impact lostness in your city and beyond! Ideas can also be found on the AIM Trainers website.



Vision

Title: _____



Pray

9. Commissioning Prayer

Pray for one another for boldness to share!

Notes:

- If you find a great way to cast vision, please share your ideas with us so we can add them to the website!

Extra Challenge: (verse to memorize or Bible passages to read)



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