

Moving Forward in Power Small Group Guide

Warm-up Question: (Choose one, make up your own, or skip this part all together, depending upon the nature of your group.)

1. At what age did you stop growing taller?
2. What is one food you would find it difficult to live without?

Read the following passage: Acts 1:6-8; 2:1-4, 42-47.

The day of Pentecost marked the birth of the New Testament church. When God poured out the Holy Spirit on the disciples, he filled them with the power Jesus had promised in Acts 1:8. The rest of the book of Acts describes how the Holy Spirit helped the early church move forward in the mission God has given to his people.

Questions for Discussion (Choose several that are relevant for your group):

1. What are some ways we need the power of the Holy Spirit to be present in our lives? How does the Holy Spirit empower us to fulfill the mission he has given to the church?
2. On the day of Pentecost, the church took a big step forward when Peter preached the Gospel and thousands responded. Can you clearly and concisely communicate the Gospel message? What are some verses of Scripture you could use to communicate the Gospel?
3. In Acts 2:42-47, Luke provides a short description of the early church. What are some key elements of this description? Are there any characteristics of the community of believers that you feel are missing from your life? Explain.
4. What is one way you would like to move forward in your life over the next few months?

Pray