

EMPOWERED BY

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Ice Breaker: If you knew this was your last week, what would you do? Whom would you be with? What would you say?

Read: John 15:26-27, 16:1-15, 16:33; Matthew 18:15-16, Proverbs 18:17

Discussion Questions:

- Opening Thoughts (Matthew 18:15-16; Proverbs 18:17)
 - Why do you think Jesus places such a strong emphasis on process and wise discernment when addressing conflict?
 - How does Proverbs 18:17 challenge our tendency to jump to conclusions?
- The Holy Spirit Supernaturally Empowers Us (John 15:26-27, 16:1-7; Acts 8, 9:17, Genesis 1:1-2)
 - Jesus says it is better for Him to leave so the Holy Spirit can come. Why might that have been hard for the disciples to accept?
 - What kind of power does the Holy Spirit give?
 - Looking at Paul's life, what evidence do you see that salvation didn't make him "soft," but spiritually strong?
 - How does Genesis 1:1-2 shape your understanding of the Spirit's power from the very beginning?
 - Who do you personally know whose life has clearly been transformed by God? What specifically changed?
- The Holy Spirit Reveals Our Sin and Our True Enemy (John 16:8-11)
 - Why do you think people often resist conviction, even when it's meant for their good?
 - How is conviction different from shame or condemnation?
 - According to Jesus, what is the real root of sin?
 - How has the Holy Spirit revealed something in your life that you didn't initially want to see, but later thanked God for?
- The Holy Spirit Glorifies Christ (John 16:12-15)
 - How can we tell when something is truly Spirit-led versus self-led?
 - What does it mean that the Holy Spirit guides us into truth rather than giving us everything all at once?
 - In what ways does our daily life either glorify Christ or quietly glorify ourselves?
- Closing Thoughts: The Holy Spirit gives Peace in the Midst of Chaos (John 16:33)
 - How have you seen the Holy Spirit bring peace during a chaotic season?
 - What does it practically look like to "take heart" when life feels overwhelming?
 - Where do you sense God calling you to depend more on the Spirit's power rather than your own ability this week?

