

## LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 1 WEEK 3

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### POWER UNLIMITED – BIG GOD

#### Power for the Supernatural

#### Ice-Breaker

Many movies and TV programs these days emphasize the supernatural. People often dream about having such supernatural abilities and live themselves into these movies. Share in the group whether you enjoy watching such movies. If so, which movie did you like best and why?

#### Worship

See worship booklet.

#### Word and Discussion

Jesus often spoke about Himself as the Son of Man, emphasizing the fact that He was born into this world as a human being. He experienced everything human beings experience, but without sinning. He therefore became our role model. We are called and destined to become like Him. (See Romans 8:29)

The hope we have is that we can become more and more like Jesus. The key to this is the Holy Spirit. The same Holy Spirit who empowered Jesus in His life and ministry is promised by the Father as a gift to all His children.

#### Discussion

- Discuss the role of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' life and compare it to what is available to us by the Father's promise:

#### Jesus

He was born of the Spirit

(Luke 1:35)

He was baptized in the Holy Spirit

(Luke 3:22)

He was led by the Holy Spirit

(Luke 4:1)

Jesus ministered in the anointing of the Spirit

(Luke 4:18)

Jesus performed many miracles in the power of the Holy Spirit (Acts 10:38)

#### Us

We are born again by the Holy Spirit

(John 3:5)

We are baptized in the Holy Spirit

(Acts 1:5)

We can be led by the Holy Spirit

(Romans 8:14)

We are anointed by the Holy Spirit

(1 John 2:20)

Jesus promised that we will do the same works and even greater (John 14:12)

The only way to function in the same supernatural dimension as Jesus did is by living in the Holy Spirit. Everything about the Holy Spirit is supernatural. What a privilege to live in an age where all God's children can be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit on a daily basis.

'Don't destroy yourself by getting drunk, but let the Spirit fill your life.'

– Ephesians 5:18 (CEV)

As we partner with the Holy Spirit, allowing His grace to fill us to the brim, we will live a life of extravagant joy. We will see that it is not in our own efforts that we accomplish great things for God, but by His Spirit.

- Read the following scriptures in the group and let the power of God's Word grip your hearts with excitement and expectation:
  - Zechariah 4:6
  - Joel 2:28-32
  - John 14:16-17
  - John 16:7,13
  
- Now answer the following questions:
  - What does it mean to you personally?
  - Have you accepted these promises for yourself?
  - Are you being filled with the Holy Spirit daily?
  - Is there a connection between obedience to the Word and being filled with the Spirit?  
(See Acts 5:32)

### **Conclusion**

- Power for the supernatural cannot be separated from the Holy Spirit. In Acts 1:8 God promises us that we will be endowed with power by His Spirit.
- May we understand our daily need for the fullness of the Holy Spirit and our need to walk in the Spirit. It is our inheritance – let's receive it!

### **Prayer Focus**

- Pray for a greater release of the Holy Spirit's presence and power over our church.
- Pray that the exceptionally large group of new disciples who are currently being trained, will all be filled with the Spirit and His power.
- Pray God's wisdom for the pastors and leaders who are currently taking new disciples into the church family.
- Pray that God will release more life group leaders and shepherds to cater for the abundance of rain (great harvest) that is coming.