

Power with a Purpose
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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

Acts 1:1-8 NLT

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach ² until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. ³ During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God.

⁴ Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, “Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. ⁵ John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

⁶ So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, “Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?”

⁷ He replied, “The Father alone has the authority to set those dates and times, and they are not for you to know. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my

witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

If the gospel is to remain good news, then it must stay new, in our lives.

Prayer is the preparation for God moving in our lives.

Whatever God's done in your life, He's not done yet.

Busyness does not mean effectiveness.

PUTTING PURPOSE TO THIS POWER—Seize the moment... daily

If you're willing to be uncomfortable for a moment, you just might change someone's eternity.

Theology can be debated, but your story can never be refuted.

[Revelation 12:11, AMP]

And they overcame and conquered him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, for they did not love their life and renounce their faith even when faced with death.

[Acts 2:14, NLT]

...then Peter stepped forward...

[Acts 3:12, NLT]

Peter saw his opportunity...

The moment that my Christian journey becomes boring is when it becomes about me.

FOR MONDAY—

1. Intentionally say goodbye to what's behind you and hello to what's before you.
2. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading, and then text someone you need to encourage.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. In the last couple weeks, what is some good news that you have heard or received?
2. What is one opportunity you are taking in this season?
3. What does the “gospel” mean? What must it remain?
4. Share your story. What are some things God has done in your life that you need to talk about, and how can you reciprocate? Why do you think it's easy for people to get “spiritual amnesia?”
5. How can we see people the way Jesus sees them?
6. Why is the preparation in prayer so significant to sharing the gospel well?
7. Who does God want you to speak to about Him? How can you practically create the space needed to do that?
8. Whose burden are you carrying today? Looking back, who have been “hidden heroes” in your life? In what ways can you say that “What God has done, is not done yet?”