



Supernatural Power
Pastor Dave Patterson 10.05.2025

USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

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. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

[Ecclesiastes 3:11]

God has planted eternity in the human heart, yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.

[Acts 1:4-5,8]

He commanded them, Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before. John baptized with water, but in just a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. And 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.

[1 Corinthians 2:4-5]

My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

[Acts 17:6]

These who have turned the world upside down have come here too.

[Acts 5:12]

The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers were meeting regularly at the Temple in the area known as Solomon's Colonnade.

1. Don't be passive, but pursue the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit

[Mark 6:5-6]

because of their unbelief, he couldn't do any miracles among them, and he was amazed at their unbelief.

[1 Corinthians 14:1]

Pursue this love with eagerness, make it your goal, yet earnestly desire and cultivate the spiritual gifts to be used by believers for the benefit of the church.

[Acts 4:29-30]

And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

2. The baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is for every believer

[1 Corinthians 14:5]

Now I want you all to speak in tongues

[1 Corinthians 14:18]

I thank God that I speak in tongues more than all of you.

[1 Cor 14:39]

And do not forbid speaking in tongues.

[Acts 2:38-29]

Peter replied, Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. This promise is to you, to your children, and to those far away—all who have been called by the Lord our God.

[1 Corinthians 14:26]

Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. But let everything be done so that the church may be built up.

3. The gifts and power of the Holy Spirit are not for our enjoyment or spiritual status, but to be given away

[Matthew 10:7-8]

As you go, proclaim this message: The kingdom of heaven has come near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.

[Acts 3]

Peter and John went to the Temple one afternoon to take part in the three o'clock prayer service. As they approached the Temple, a man lame from birth was being carried in. Each day he was put beside the Temple gate, the one called the Beautiful Gate, so he could beg from the people going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for some money. Peter and John looked at him intently, and Peter said, "Look at us!" The lame man looked at them eagerly, expecting some money. But Peter said, "I don't have any silver or gold for you. But what I do have, I'll give you. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, get up and walk." Then Peter took the lame man by the right hand and helped him up. And as he did, the man's feet and ankles were instantly healed and strengthened. He jumped up, stood on his feet, and began to walk! Then, walking, leaping, and praising God, he went into the Temple with them.

4. Simply asks for it!

[Luke 11:13]

So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him.

Key Points:

1. *Don't be passive, but pursue the gifts and power of the Holy Spirit.*
2. *The baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues is for every believer.*
3. *The gifts and power of the Holy Spirit are not for our enjoyment or spiritual status, but to be given away.*
4. *Simply ask for it.*

Applications for the Week:

Jesus commanded His followers to wait for the Holy Spirit before starting their mission. Are there areas in your life or ministry where you have been relying on your own strength instead of the Spirit's power? What would it look like to "wait" and seek His empowerment this week?

Discussion Questions:

1. Jesus told His disciples not to attempt the Great Commission without the Holy Spirit's power. What does this say about the importance of the Holy Spirit in the life of a believer and the church?

- 2.** Why do you think God placed a longing for eternity and the supernatural in every person? How can this longing be misdirected if not centered on God?
- 3.** Pastor Dave mentioned that passivity and unbelief can hinder the move of God. What might this look like in a church or in an individual's life?
- 4.** The gifts of the Spirit are described as being for the benefit of others, not for personal status. How does this perspective challenge common attitudes toward spiritual gifts?
- 5.** The sermon says that people everywhere are searching for the supernatural, but often in the wrong places. Where do you see this longing in the world around you, and how can you point people to the true source—the Holy Spirit?
- 6.** Receiving from God requires humility and childlike faith. Are there areas where pride, intellectual barriers, or past disappointments have kept you from receiving more of the Holy Spirit? What step could you take this week to open your heart more fully?
- 7.** Pastor Dave emphasized that the gifts are to be given away for the sake of others. Who in your life right now needs healing, encouragement, or hope? What is one practical way you can step out and offer what God has given you?
- 8.** Pastor Dave invited everyone to pursue the Holy Spirit together as a church. What would it look like for your small group to create an atmosphere of unity and expectation for the Holy Spirit to move? Is there something you could do together to welcome His presence in a new way?