

Laying the Groundwork to be the People of God – WEEK TWO

4-week video series to prepare us as followers of Jesus to live as God's people

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Summary of Video Teaching

The Provision for being God's People (Acts 1:4-9)

1. **God provides *power*, not answers** – *We often feel we need answers to our questions first, but Jesus tells us what we really need is supernatural power that goes beyond our own resources.*
2. **The power God provides is *by the Holy Spirit*** – *this power is God Himself within us—the power to heal, the power to forgive—because apart Jesus, we can do nothing!*
3. **The power is provided so we can be *His witnesses*** – *we don't need to know all the answers—we just need to tell our story—what we saw, what we heard, what we experienced.*

Video Discussion Questions

- What questions that you have for God are the hardest for you to let go of? Why do you think that is?
- In what area of life do you most need God's provision of power by the Holy Spirit and why?

Additional Questions for Further Discussion

- Share what we heard about the Holy Spirit from the video teaching. Who is the Holy Spirit? What role did He have in Jesus' life and ministry? What role does He have in our lives?
- Imagine you are called to witness about Jesus. What kinds of things would you testify about?

Prayer Time Suggestions

- Unanswered questions can sometimes keep us from trusting God. Pray for anyone who is wrestling with a question and faith.
- The Holy Spirit is to be *experienced*. Pray for one another, especially those who have never experienced the Spirit but want to.
- Many of us lack the courage to be witnesses for Jesus—at our jobs, in our neighborhoods or with our families. Pray for anyone who feels they have some great opportunities to witness for Jesus *but they are afraid*.