



John 14:12-17, John 16:7-9

The Holy Spirit helps us so that we can help others.

1. The presence of the Holy Spirit offers hope.

2. The leading of the Holy Spirit always offers a next step.

Acts 2:22-24, Acts 2:32-33, Acts 2:37-39, Romans 8:1-2, Galatians 5:13-14

3. The power of the Holy Spirit is available so we can help others.

Galatians 5:16-26

"It's the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge, and my job to love."

- Billy Graham

Big Idea: Imagine a church empowered by the Holy Spirit. The presence of the Holy Spirit lives in us to be our help. The power of the Holy Spirit is available so that we can help others.

Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

Celebrate and Care:

Have each person share a high and low from this last week.

Open Up:

Share a time when you needed help and someone came alongside and offered hope.

Discuss:

Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.

- ▶ Share some thoughts on the difference between a non-Christian culture and a post-Christian culture.
- ▶ Where are some life situations where people need to be offered hope?
- ▶ Pastor Matt said, "The question changed from 'what can this mean?' to 'what should we do?'" How can we ensure we don't stop at discussion of God's Word and God's ways?
- ▶ What is the difference between conviction and condemnation? What are some ways we can offer "compassion that leads to conviction without condemnation"?
- ▶ If we walked in the supernatural in the ways mentioned in the message, how would that affect the people around us? What would the message be to the skeptic?

Engage:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.

Who is one person God has specifically for you offer hope to?

Pastor Matt said, "The leading of the Holy Spirit always offers a next step." What is your next step? What is a next step you could offer to the person you identified?

Close in prayer together.