

Digging Deeper During the Week!

Enjoying the filling of the Spirit in an amazing experience! It is all about the power of God working inside of you. That means this power is not to magnify us, but to glorify God! *God wants you to experience this power to witness, all you have to do is participate!*

Monday **Power Over the Demons!**
21-Jan Matthew 12.22-30

Witnessing must have ‘substance’ to it – a message to tell that truly is born in life-change. Jesus reveals in this passage that the power of God is supreme over even demons! As you chew through this lesson, ask yourself these questions and meditate upon them all day today.

- The reality of demons is not for debate – Jesus declares them to be both real and opposed to His kingdom. Now, the question for you is this: Do you know the power of God in your life in such a way that HE has removed obstacles of enormous power so you experience freedom and release? If so, what are they?
- Plundering the Kingdom of Satan seems to be the ‘bottom-line’ today. Jesus wants you to witness to His great power and take over territory that has previously been under the dominion of the devil. Are you filled with the Spirit of God so that you can do this?

Tuesday **Power to Do Ministry!**
22-Jan Luke 4.14-22

Today we examine the message and ministry we undertake when we are filled with the Spirit of God. Listen to Jesus and ask yourself ...

- What are the six ministry activities when one is filled with the Spirit of God (18-19), according to Jesus?
- As you think about these ‘gracious words’ of Jesus, you will most likely begin to consider how you might be able to fulfill them in your daily life. If these actions were yours, what would change in your life?

Wednesday **Power to Preach the Gospel**
23-Jan Romans 15.14-21

The power of the filling of the Spirit is to ‘couple’ with the power of the Gospel as we witness to make a ‘dynamic duo’ for ministry.

- As we witness of Jesus, what should we only speak of (18) if we are to use Paul’s example?
- When you declare the great things God has done for you (Monday), what aspects of your story focus on the power of God in your life?

Thursday **Power for Our Faith**
24-Jan 1 Corinthians 2.1-5

As we explore the ‘how’ of witnessing, Paul gives us a great case study to follow from his work in the city of Corinth.

- Paul describes two ways to witness – one that he discounts as less that acceptable and the other as his preferred method. What are those two methods? Which one do you use? What are the implications of imitating Paul’s preferred method?
- Paul says that our ‘faith should be in the power of God.’ What do you think he means by that, according to the passage? If you were experiencing the filling of the Spirit, how would that affect your responses to these questions?

Friday **Power for Exemplary Witness**
25-Jan 1 Thessalonians 1.2-10

The power of a Spirit-filled, united church is amazing! Listen to Paul’s description of the influence of Jesus’ Kingdom as a result of this church.

- When people accept our witness and receive the forgiveness and leadership of Jesus Christ, what are the evidences (6-7)?
- As the church in Thessaloniki declared the great things God had done for them, there was a specific set of proofs found in their lives. What were those proofs? Do you possess those as well?

Saturday **Power for Life!**
26-Jan Romans 8.9-17

As we look at our text for today, we discover that there are two paths, one that leads to death and one that leads to life.

- As you reread Paul’s words, what do you notice as the major differences between someone who is headed for death and someone who is headed for life with God?
- What are the key aspects of living in the Spirit according to Paul (12-19)? If you are filled with the Spirit, these are the things you look for in your own life. Are they in evidence this week? Have you prayed with a united heart with your small group this week?