

Overarching Missional Practice

Being Led and Empowered by the Holy Spirit

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8)

Description:

- Praying regularly to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to be led by the power of the Holy Spirit in mission is imperative. Churches that are growing in the Majority World and the Early Church had an emphasis on being empowered and led by the Spirit.¹¹

Bible:

- Passages to explore are Acts 1: 1-11, Acts 2: 1-41, Acts 4: 23-31, Acts 8: 26-40, Acts 11: 19-30 and Acts 13: 1-4

Reflection Questions:

- What do the passages above teach us about being filled by the Holy Spirit?
- What do the above passages teach us about being led by the Holy Spirit when on mission and sharing our faith?
- How did God fill his people with the Holy Spirit?
- What are the barriers in the western church today in regards to being led and empowered by the Holy Spirit?

Early Church author Michael Green states, “the first Christians lived in total dependence on the Holy Spirit”¹², and “people did not merely hear the gospel: they saw it in action, and were moved to respond. The Western Church has grown to dependant on words, and not nearly dependant enough on the power of the Holy Spirit”.¹³

- What does Green teach us about the emphasis of being led by the Holy Spirit to participate in the mission of God?

Living the Practice:

- Read Acts passages from this session
 - Acts 1: 1-11
 - Acts 2: 1-41
 - Acts 4: 23-31
 - Acts 8: 26-40
 - Acts 11: 19-30 and Acts 13: 1-4
- Pray ‘Lord what you have done, please do it again through me’ (Billy Graham’s prayer)
- Look for and listen to the Holy Spirit’s promptings each day this week and seek to obey and report back reflections with a trusted friend.

Next steps Further Engagement:

- Accessible Prophecy course at Clovie
- Clovie Prayer team