



Leader's Guide

Week of February 12

The Big Idea

The all-consuming passion of the Holy Spirit is to win the world to Jesus Christ.

Getting Started

1. What are you passionate about?
2. What are the things that pop up in your Amazon account or Google ads?
***Leader's Note:** Don't underplay the significance of these questions. These answers are a key to how people spend their time and money. Try to

remember these for later connections you can make with your group members.

Digging In

1. Read **Acts 1:8**. How could Jesus know with certainty the disciples would press on to the end of the earth with their witness to Christ?
***Leader's Note:** Jesus knew because he was in relationship with the Holy Spirit. Jesus knew that the Spirit yearns for the world to be saved, so if the disciples were indwelt with the Spirit, they would begin to yearn and act toward that end.
2. Walk together as a group through the whole story of the Bible (**Genesis 1 – Revelation 22**), highlighting God's desire to bring the whole earth into fellowship with him.
***Leader's Note:** This is a great chance to increase your group's understanding of the "meta-narrative" of Scripture (often illustrated by the paradigm Creation-Fall-Redemption-Restoration). Some things to make sure are mentioned include God's command to Adam and Eve to be *fruitful and multiply*, to fill the earth. God's promise to Abraham to *bless all nations*. God's promises through the prophets of a future where the *whole world* knows him (the group could read **Habakkuk 2:14, Psalm 96:3, Isaiah 49:6**), and of course

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Jesus' *great commission* in **Matthew 28:19**, finally culminating in Revelation where *all nations praise* God.

3. What does it mean when Jesus says, "you will be my witnesses?"
***Leader's Note:** A *witness* furnishes truth, a *witness* testifies to what she's experienced, and a *witness* remains loyal to the end. To be a witness means being loyal to Jesus no matter the cost and speaking up for him even when others oppose you.
4. What is the power of the Holy Spirit?
***Leader's Note:** It's important to note that we can be in the power of the HS without feeling powerful. Remember, Paul said he preached Christ with fear and trembling, not with power! The power of the HS is the power to change lives. It's a transformational power that changes our desires from selfish to God-and-others focused.

Looking Around

1. Have you ever felt the power of the Holy Spirit when witnessing for Christ

2. Have you ever considered foreign missions? Why? Why not? For those who have done a short-term or long-term mission trip, share your experience.
***Leader's Note:** This might be a good opportunity to challenge your group members to consider at least a short-term mission trip. Whether they are young, old, family, or single, there are opportunities.
3. What are the obstacles that Christians must overcome to fulfill the Spirit's desire to win the whole world to Christ?
***Leader's Note:** Try to bring this back home. It's easy to get caught up with the need for foreign missions, but what are the obstacles here in the Littleton/Lakewood area?
4. What is a realistic goal for you to make for yourself to witness Christ more boldly?
***Leader's Note:** Some starter ideas: have 2 non-Christians over for dinner, share Christ with one person this year, invite X number of people to church, go on a short-term mission trip in the next 2 years, etc.

Pray

Spend time praying for boldness to witness Christ to others, near and far. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you a stronger desire for the lost to be won to God.