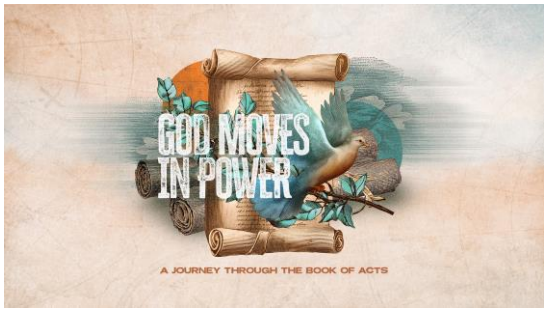


Group Discussion Guide | November 19 & 22
God Moves in Power

Overview and opening questions (15 minutes)

The sermon series "God Moves in Power" was a journey through the book of Acts, where we witnessed the Holy Spirit at work through prayer, the gospel, the Church, and ordinary people. As we come to the final week of this series, we'll discuss the simple, yet very real truth that "The same God who worked through the early church wants to work through us today."

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God's Story + your story (10 minutes)

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- If someone were to read the story of your life over the last six months, what would they conclude is most important to you? What lines of evidence would they see?
- **Read Acts 13:36**. It talks about how David "served God's purpose in his own generation." What might serving God faithfully in this particular season of your life look like?

Dependence on God (5 minutes)

- Read Acts 1:4-8. Why does Jesus tell his disciples to wait on the Holy Spirit?
- In what ways are you currently operating out of self-sufficiency rather than dependence on God?
- What does true dependence look like?

Focus on Jesus (5 minutes)

- Read Acts 3:1-16. How do we see Jesus taking absolute center stage in the life of the apostles?
- What are the areas where you're tempted most often to take Jesus out of the center and place him into the periphery? Explain.

Commitment to Church (5 minutes)

- Read Acts 2:42-47. In what ways did the early church showcase commitment to God's Church?
- What is the difference between just attending church and being committed to God's Church? How does that get on the ground for you and your family?

Participation in Mission (5 minutes)

- Read Acts 8:1-4 and Matthew 28:19-20. What do these passages teach us about Christian mission and how it relates to the Christian life?
- Put a percentage on it: How much of your life is currently organized around your own plans, priorities, your own pleasure, and your own ambitions rather than God's purposes? Explain.

Prayer (15 minutes)

Break into smaller groups of 3-4. In your smaller groups, have each person pray over another in their smaller group. Pray using the themes discussed tonight. For example, Person A should pray that Person B's story would find how it's supposed to fit inside God's story, and that Person B would have increased dependence on God, focus on Jesus, commitment to Church, and participation in mission. Repeat this with each person praying for another in your smaller group.

Once finished, take a few more moments in your smaller groups to share any prayer requests. Then have one group member prayer for all the requests shared.