

Clothed With Power From On High

Small Group Discussion Guide

"Clothed With Power From On High"

BASED ON THE PENTECOSTAL SUNDAY MESSAGE BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

1. SERMON RECAP

In my message this Pentecostal Sunday, I shared that Jesus's command to "tarry until you are clothed with power from on high" is not just ancient history -- it is a living invitation for every believer today. I talked about how praying in the Holy Spirit is one of the most powerful and practical tools God has given us, because it connects our spirit directly to His Spirit, bypassing our emotions and flesh. The Holy Spirit is our helper, our strengthener, and our guide, and when we tap into Him through prayer, we become clothed in a power that is greater than any obstacle, habit, or attack the enemy can throw at us.

2. KEY SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:49 (Amplified Bible)

"Behold, I will send forth upon you what my Father has promised; but remain in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high."

3. ICE BREAKER

Think about a time you felt completely unprepared for something -- a job interview, a hard conversation, a new challenge -- and someone or something showed up at just the right moment to help you through it. What happened, and how did it feel?

4. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Question 1 -- Opening the Conversation

In my message I said that life is fundamentally a power contest, and that God has given us access to His power through the Holy Spirit. When you hear the phrase "clothed with power from on high," what image or feeling does that stir up in you? Does it feel exciting, distant, confusing, or something else -- and why?

Question 2 -- Getting Personal with Scripture

Acts 1:8 says, "You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you." I talked about how so many believers are living below the level of power God intended for them -- caught in negative cycles, emotional roller coasters, and recurring struggles. Without naming anyone else, can you identify an area of your own life where you sense you have been relying on your own strength rather than the Holy Spirit's? What does that look like day to day?

Question 3 -- Digging Into the Word

First Corinthians 14:4 says that the person who prays in a tongue "edifies himself" -- builds himself up. I described this as God transferring strength directly to your spirit, like getting caught in a spiritual jet stream. What does "being spiritually strong" actually look like in practical, everyday life? How is that different from simply being emotionally positive or mentally disciplined?

Question 4 -- The Challenge of the Price

I was pretty honest in this message -- I said the Holy Spirit won't pray for you, He will pray with you. And I said God will give you what you give Him. That can feel confronting. Do you think most believers, including yourself, genuinely believe that extended time in prayer and the Spirit produces real, tangible results? What has helped or hindered you from making that investment? What fears or doubts come up?

Question 5 -- Cooperating With God

I referenced 1 Corinthians 6:1, where Paul describes us as co-workers with God -- partners in what He is doing. That means we have a part to play. Thinking about your own walk with God right now, what is one area where you sense the Holy Spirit has been prompting you to cooperate with Him, but your flesh, your emotions, or your schedule has been pushing back? What would it look like to say yes to that this week?

Question 6 -- Looking Outward

I shared that it takes a free person to free another person -- that we cannot be a light to a hurting world if we are still living in our own darkness. Who in your life right now -- a family member, a coworker, a neighbor -- is clearly hurting and needs someone walking in the Spirit's power to show up for them? What is one thing the Holy Spirit might be asking you to do for that person?

5. APPLICATION CHALLENGE

This Week's Challenge -- Stretch Your Prayer Time by 15 Minutes

Pick three days this week and set aside 15 more minutes of prayer than you normally would. During that extra time, do something intentional: if you pray in the Spirit, use that time to do so quietly and without distraction. If you have not yet received that gift, use those 15 minutes to pray out loud, honestly, asking the

Holy Spirit to help you, strengthen you, and make His presence real to you. Keep it simple -- find a quiet place, put your phone face down, and give God those minutes without watching the clock. At your next small group meeting, come ready to share what, if anything, shifted during those times.

6. PRAYER POINTS

1. Hunger for the Holy Spirit

Pray together that every person in your group develops a genuine, growing hunger to be clothed with the Spirit's power -- not just to know about it intellectually, but to experience it personally and consistently.

2. Breaking Negative Cycles

Pray specifically for areas where people in your group, or their loved ones, are stuck in cycles of anger, depression, fear, or defeat. Ask the Holy Spirit, the great helper, to bring His supernatural strength to bear on those exact situations this week.

3. Boldness to Live It Out

Pray for courage -- the kind I needed when that coworker pointed her finger at me and asked if I spoke in tongues. Ask God to give your group the boldness to live openly as Spirit-filled believers, especially toward the hurting people in your lives who need to see the real thing.

7. MEMORY VERSE

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Write it on a card. Put it on your mirror. Text it to someone in your group. Say it out loud every morning this week.