



Series: Everyone Gets to Play	Reference: Mark 2:1-3, Luke 11:1, Luke 10:1-11	Title: Ready, Willing & Able?	Date: 09.16.18
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Community Group Questions

Take time to pray through the Six:Eight Prayer Foci for 2018/19

*If the Holy Spirit gives anyone a specific word for the church
share them with the other Community Group Leaders.*

1. **FREEDOM:** Pray against spiritual attack on our church body & it's members, so that kingdom ministry goes unhindered.
2. **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION:** Pray we'd abide in the Presence of Christ, honoring the Word & Spirit of God, being transformed & becoming more effective in witness. That we'd be drawn deeply into worship & prayer in powerful ways this year.
3. **LEADERSHIP:** Pray for leadership to be filled with the knowledge of the Word & power of the Spirit, operating out of the two as gracious strong servant leaders.
4. **MINISTRIES:** For all 8 church ministries to run smoothly, having all current & future resources provided for them to thrive (*Kids, Community Groups, Kingdom Opportunities, Stewardship, Impressions, Worship Arts, Prayer, Missions*).
5. **LOCAL EVANGELISM:** That we'd preach the Word boldly & minister in the power of the Spirit to see people come to faith & publicly declare that through baptism. - for divine openings with neighbors, coworkers, friends & Community Partners.
6. **CROSS-CULTURAL MISSION:** To be a '*House of Prayer for all Nations*' (Isaiah 56:7), obedient to the Great Commission (Mt 28:18-20), overflowing to our Kinship Network relationships reaching Arab world Muslims, and other mission endeavors of the church.
7. **GIVING:** Pray that we'd be stretched in faithful giving of our financial resources in order not to be hindered in our kingdom ministry as a church.

Study Questions

1. In segments go around the room & read Acts 2:1-41...
 1. What is happening? What do you notice? Why is all this happening?
 2. Compare this to Matthew 28:18-20 - discuss how this passage in Acts is the beginning fulfillment of the Great Commission.
2. Continue to read Acts 2:42-47 - what do you notice? Think about the change in the disciples as a result of the Spirit. What does all this mean for us as a church?
3. Read the following verses: Acts 4:31 / Mt. 19:26 / John 20:21-23 / John 5:17, 19 & 3:8 - does anything in particular stand out, or strike you?
4. What does the 'empowerment of the Holy Spirit' mean to you? Do certain passages or stories from Scripture come to mind other than Acts 2? Thumb through the following chapters of Acts past chapter 2 & discuss some of the things which happened over that time - what were the Apostles/Disciples doing?
5. We said, "*we have an impossible task which is only possible in Christ*" - what does that mean in ministry towards others? How does it look practically (Stories)?
 1. How would 'listening prayer' have helped the girl with the nail in her forehead?
 2. How have you seen God 'at work' in peoples lives, or your own for that matter? Is there someone in your life in which God seems to be working now? How can you minister to them?
6. We said, "*It's not just being right in what we say theologically, it's listening the Spirit's voice which leads us in power in what to do for & proclaim over people. The power of the Spirit, exhibited through us, authenticates the message we preach just like the original disciples.... There's so much going on inside a person, we can't trust our ability to simply lead them through things, possibly addressing demonic influence, physical disease, traumatic past experiences, or get them to see the nail in their forehead, without the Spirits power, and conviction of the Word. We speak truth according to what the Scriptures teach & power into lives as the Spirit reveals where to touch their hearts.*"
 1. Do you have examples in your own life where the Spirit has broken through & spoken to you in some situation, or healed you? Or someone else you've ministered to?
7. Do you relate with Stephen Smallman's idea of the Spiritual Birth-line?
8. Do you believe God commissions you to kingdom ministry in others in preaching Christ & praying healing into their lives - what would that look like? How would life be different for you?