

# ACTS EMPOWERED FOR JESUS'S MISSION

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## Part 2 | Help Is On The Way!

Acts 1:8-11; John 14:15-29; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

### Jesus didn't leave us **ALONE**,

**not orphans** John 14:16-18

**for our advantage — the “Helper”** John 15:7



Text “**HELPER**” to **833-271-8805** to get a 7-day series of encouragements on how the Holy Spirit helps you! You can also text this number anytime for prayer. Just say, “*Pray for...*” followed by your request.

### he sent **THE SPIRIT**

**He is 100% God in every way** 1 Corinthians 2:10-11; Matthew 28:19-20

**He is a “Who” not a “what”** 1 Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 5:3-4

**He always glorifies Jesus** John 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3

**He convicts the world of sin** John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14

### to **HELP** us and **EMPOWER** us for his mission.

**He changes us** Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:3, 5; Titus 3:5

**He helps and empowers us** John 15:26-27; 14:17, 26; 16:13; Romans 8:9-12; 1 Cor. 12:4-10; Eph. 3:16



#### Want to Go Deeper?

Do you want to get more out of Acts than simply hearing it during the weekend services? Acts has 28 chapters. Try reading or listening to a chapter a day for 28 days and see how it will grow your understanding as we study it together! Visit <https://bible.is> to access a free text and audio version of the Bible, or scan the QR code. You can also download the **Bible.is** App.



## WHAT WE BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.

## WAYS HE HELPS US

- **Regenerates us** John 3:6-7
- **Convicts us of our sin** John 16:8; 1 Thess. 1:5
- **Empowers us with gifts** 1 Corinthians 12:4-7
- **Assures us and testifies to us in our hearts that we are God's children** Galatians 4:6; Romans 8:16
- **Leads us** Galatians 5:18, 25
- **Makes us fruitful** Galatians 5:22-23
- **Grants and nurtures in us resurrection life** Romans 8:11
- **Enables us to kill our sin** Romans 8:13
- **Intercedes for us when we don't know what to pray** Romans 8:26-27
- **Comforts us** John 16:5-7
- **Guides us into truth** John 16:13
- **Transforms us into the image of Christ** 2 Corinthians 3:18
- **Teaches us by his Word and helps us understand the Bible** John 14:26, 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:9-16
- **Seals us** Ephesians 4:30
- **Dwells with and in us** John 14:17; 2 Tim. 1:14
- **Strengthens us** Ephesians 3:16
- **Provides power over temptation** Gal. 5:16
- **Sanctifies & grows us in holiness** 1 Pet. 1:2
- **Helps us pray** Eph. 6:18; Jude 20; Romans 8:26-27
- **Gives wisdom to us** Ephesians 1:17
- **Guides us in specific decisions and life events** Acts 14:5, 16:6; Revelation 17:17
- **Calls us to Jesus** Ephesians 4:4
- **Gives us the right words to speak about God** Acts 1:8; Luke 12:12



## Study Guide

Questions & Scripture for Further Study

**What is this?** – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, & live life together. **We call them Life Groups.** The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a related part of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card or at the Connect Desk!

### Welcome to Life Groups!

Each week we'll spend part of our time getting to know more about one another.

#### Share with the Group:

*We have all had different experiences and influences that affect our view of how God's spirit works. As you look back in years past, how would you describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Has it changed over time? If so, explain.*

**Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching,** *was there anything you heard for the first time, that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?*

### Digging Deeper – A Bible Study

**Use this guide for further personal and group study this week.** For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this guide for further study personally.

1. This weekend we heard that Jesus said it would actually be better for us if he left. But he said he wouldn't leave us as orphans, he'd send the Helper, the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-29). In **John 16:5-15** Jesus tells us more about the Holy Spirit. As you read the passage below...
  - a. **Circle or highlight** any words or phrases that catch your attention.
  - b. **Underline** what you think is important to remember.
  - c. **Put an X** next to anything that confuses you.

<sup>5</sup> But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" <sup>6</sup> But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. <sup>7</sup> Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. <sup>8</sup> And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: <sup>9</sup> concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; <sup>10</sup> concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; <sup>11</sup> concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. <sup>12</sup> "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. <sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

*(Study Guide continues on back panel...)*

# Welcome to Wawasee!

## OUR MISSION

We are *sent* to love people and invite them to follow Jesus with us.

## YOUR PATHWAY

If you call Wawasee Bible “home”, we challenge you to pursue **three things**:

### 1. Gather



Show up *regularly* and gather with us for worship.

### 2. Grow



Don't just show up, *grow up* spiritually and connect in a growth ministry like Life Groups.

### 3. Go!



Go and serve somewhere. Contribute as much *or more* than you consume!

## Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

### Word Find for John 16:5-11 (ESV)

Find the words **bolded** below.

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## life groups Study Guide (continued)

- This weekend we were reminded that followers of Jesus have the exact same Holy Spirit that empowered Jesus. Unfortunately sometimes we may think the Holy Spirit isn't doing much because we aren't aware of the variety of ways he works in our lives and in the world. How do the following verses further describe what the Holy Spirit does for us and through us?
  - Romans 5:3-5    2 Corinthians 3:17-18    Ephesians 3:16
  - Acts 1:8    Romans 8:12-17    Acts 9:31

- Which one of these is the most important for you to remember and why?

- Most of us at some point have found ourselves wondering if the Spirit is speaking to or prompting us to make a decision or take action on something. For example, let's say you have a friend who has been sharing private info with others that may have hurt the reputation of another friend. You sense that God is telling you to talk to this friend but you're not sure if you should or if you're making a bigger deal about it than you should. How can the following verses guide you and confirm if God's Spirit is speaking to you or not?
  - Galatians 6:1-4    Proverbs 27:6    Proverbs 15:22    Proverbs 3:27

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- Can you think of any other verses you would add to this list?
- Read Galatians 5:16-26 — Can you think of any examples of the Holy Spirit helping or challenging you to put one of these "fruits" into action?

## Taking It Home

- Learning to slow down enough to listen to the Spirit is essential when it comes to hearing and knowing God's leading. How do you slow down and listen (take a walk, talk with a friend, journal, worship, a time of solitude, other)? Is there anything you want to make sure you continue to do (or add) to help you stay tuned in to what God's Spirit is doing?

## Prayer

As you close, take time to pray for each other. **Divide into separate groups of men and women.** Feel free to share requests, just be sure each person gets prayed for. Pray that God's Spirit would be at work in their lives this week in tangible ways.

This week's Study Guide is adapted in part from a study by North Coast Church in Vista, CA. North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.



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### We're Glad You're Here Today!

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