

Empowered From on High

Pentecost Sunday

Passage: Luke 24:44-49; Acts 1:4-8

Rev. Bruce Persons | May 24, 2026

I. Jesus Fulfills the Scriptures – and Sends the Spirit (Lk. 24:44-49)

II. You Shall Receive Power (Acts 1:4-8)

III. From Self-Reliance to Spirit-Dependence

IV. Seek Boldness for Witness

V. Clothed With Power

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. What stands out to you most from Luke 24:44–49 and Acts 1:4–8?
2. Where do you most naturally rely on self-effort instead of the Holy Spirit?
3. What do you think it practically looks like to “wait on the Holy Spirit” today?
4. Where is God calling you to be a witness this week?
5. What would change in your life if you truly believed the Spirit empowers you daily?

PERSONAL REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Am I trying to live the Christian life in my own strength?
2. What areas of my life feel spiritually “unpowered” right now?
3. When was the last time I asked the Holy Spirit for boldness specifically?
4. What would it look like for me to depend on the Spirit in my daily routines?

FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

BIG IDEA FOR KIDS:

God gives us His Holy Spirit so we can follow Jesus and share His love.

SCRIPTURE (READ TOGETHER): Acts 1:8

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILIES:

- What does it mean to get power from the Holy Spirit?
- Can we follow Jesus by ourselves, or do we need help?
- Who can we show Jesus’ love to this week?

Pray together: “Holy Spirit, help us follow Jesus today.”

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