# Evangelism and the Holy Spirit (Part 1)

**The Holy Spirit gives power**

**Verse**: Acts 1:8

**Objective**: To encourage encounter with the Holy Spirit for Great Commission empowering.

**Possible video to include:** [alltogether.co.nz/firestarters](https://alltogether.co.nz/firestarters/) (try Marks or Matts story)

**Introduction**: The Holy Spirit came to empower us for our primary mission.

1. The Birth of the Church Proves it! Let’s unlock this passage together...

* You will receive power (They needed divine empowering to fulfil God’s agenda).
* When the Holy Spirit has come upon you (Supernatural encounter was there for all).
* And you shall be my witnesses (God wanted his children to tell others of what they knew and experienced).
* In Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. (Local, regional, national and global agenda).

2. The Stories of the Bible Illustrate it! From Old Testament to New, we have examples of transformed witnesses.

1. Saul became a passionate proclaimer. 1 Samuel 10:1-13
2. The persecuted believers became passionate proclaimers. Acts 4:23-31
3. The Saul/Paul became passionate proclaimer. Acts 9:10-20

3. The Steps to and from it!

* Seek for the empowering of the Holy Spirit. (Receive Prayer/Ask – Luke 11:13).
* Surrender to the leading of the Holy Spirit. (Speak up as He directs you!)
* Step out in the power of the Holy Spirit. (Share what you know and look for God to confirm His word with signs that follow. Expect miracles!)

**Application**: Provide opportunity right then and there to pray for people to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. It is imperative for believers to understand that the whole reason why the Spirit came was to empower us to fulfil God’s Great Commission agenda upon the Earth. Empowered to Witness!

When the early church leaders laid hands upon the people, the Holy Spirit came in power. Expect great things to happen as you pray for your people.

**Conclusion**: When the Holy Spirit came upon people in the Old and New Testaments, they were transformed into bold proclaimers. Let God do that in you today!

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Equipping Study

**Conversation starter:** What is one of the boldest things you have ever done?

**Revision**: (15 mins)

* What were the ‘three main points from Sunday’s sermon?
* Which point spoke most to you and why?
* Would someone like to share their Holy Spirit story and how this has empowered you to be a witness?

**Scripture**: (15mins) Choose one or the other from below:

Read 1 Samuel 10:1-13

* What do you get most out of this story and why?
* How did this encounter with the Holy Spirit impact Saul?

Read Acts 4:23-31

* What were the believers experiencing?
* How did the Holy Spirit help them?

**Q & A:** How does the Holy Spirit affect our witnessing life?.

**Testimony Time:** (15mins) Invite the people in the small group to share about a time when the Holy Spirit helped them to share Christ with others and what they learnt from the experience.

**Prayer**: (20mins) Pray for one another for boldness and opportunity. Pray for the empowering of the Holy Spirit and for the work of the Holy Spirit this coming week.

**Homework** [Very important] (5mins) Encourage the group to be alert for the open doors that God will give this week to share Christ. Tell them that they will have opportunity next week to share their witnessing stories next week.