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## A Disciple Is ...



WEEK 5 EMPOWERED

#### **PRAYER**

Lord, you are all powerful and your Holy Spirit grants us the power to be your representatives. Help us now to have the boldness to trust in your almighty power! In Jesus' name, Amen.

# WARM UP

If you were a superhero, what would be your superpower and what would be your superhero name?

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<sup>4</sup> And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; <sup>5</sup> for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup> So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup> He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup> But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." <sup>9</sup> And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.

**Acts 1:4-9** (ESV)

### **■** GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

- 1. What are ways that you have experienced the love of Christ, and how can you show the love of Christ to others around you this week?
- 2. On a scale from 0-10 (0 = never, 10 = all the time), how would you rate seeing the power of God move in your life on a regular basis? Why would you rate yourself this way?
- 3. In verse 6, Jesus says that God has everything "fixed by his own authority". Would you say that you trust God and his authority, or do you find yourself trusting in your own strength and abilities more?
- 4. Would you consider yourself a witness of Jesus? Why or why not?
- 5. The word "witnesses" in verse 8 is the Greek word, Mater, which is where we get the word, martyr, from. A martyr is one who lays their life down for their beliefs. Based on this definition, can you see yourself as a witness? If so, how? If not, why not?

6. In Acts 2, we saw the power of God show up on all who were in a prayer meeting, when the Holy Spirit came upon them. Many came to receive Christ, and as the first church, they would eat together, dedicate themselves to the disciples' teaching, and share in generosity with those in need, all while praying for one another. What do you think is the difference between the first church and the way you see Christians live now?

