

POWER, POSITION & PRACTICE

The True Purpose of Pentecost Student Guide

LESSON OBJECTIVE

To understand the true purpose of Pentecost as empowerment for witness, indwelling for Kingdom identity, and Spirit-led practice in everyday life.

CENTRAL THOUGHT

Pentecost was not merely about what happened TO believers, but what God intended to happen THROUGH believers.

PRIMARY SCRIPTURES

Acts 1:8
Matthew 28:18-19
1 Corinthians 6:19
Galatians 5:25

1. POWER — “Dunamis: The Ability”

Acts 1:8

Dunamis = power, ability, enablement, divine capacity.

Acts 1 and 2 explicitly use Dunamis.
Matthew 28 explicitly uses Exousia (authority).

Key Line:
The commission gave authority. Pentecost gave ability.

From authority... to ability.

Christ restored authority through the resurrection. Pentecost supplied the ability to fulfill the assignment.

Pentecost was not permission. Pentecost was empowerment.

THE PURPOSE OF SIGNS

Mark 16:20

Signs confirm, authenticate, reveal Christ, and validate witness.

Key Line:

The signs are not the destination. The signs point to Christ.

2. POSITION — “Indwelt With Purpose”

1 Corinthians 6:19

Old Covenant: visitation.

New Covenant: habitation.

Bill Johnson:

“The Spirit of the Lord clothed himself with Gideon.”

Under the New Covenant, the Spirit indwells believers continually through Christ.

Key Line:

You are not merely attending church. You are carrying presence.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

John 8:12 — Jesus: “I am the light of the world.”

Matthew 5:14 — Believers: “You are the light of the world.”

Christ continues His witness and Kingdom expression through Spirit-filled believers.

STEWARDSHIP VS FALSE HUMILITY

Ephesians 4:11-12

Ministry Quote:

“If you want to know how much God trusts you, you can figure that out by seeing what he has entrusted to you.”

Humility is not denying what God entrusted to you.

Humility is stewarding what God entrusted to you for His glory.

Receiving assignment is not pride. Misusing assignment is pride.

3. PRACTICE — “Living the Witness”

Galatians 5:25

The Holy Spirit was not given merely for church expression, but for Kingdom expression.

Learn the text. Teach the text. Do the text.

True Pentecost is not merely receiving power, but practicing partnership with the Holy Spirit.

REFILLING PRINCIPLE

Acts 4:31

Sometimes we need a refilling:

- fresh boldness
- fresh strength
- fresh dependency upon the Spirit

DAILY CONSCIOUSNESS

Romans 8:14

Living with the consciousness that the Holy Spirit lives within us.

If God lives within me:

- my speech changes
- my conduct changes
- my witness changes
- my priorities change
- my practice changes

CALL TO ACTION

Practice awareness of the Holy Spirit daily.

Listen intentionally.

Witness intentionally.

Walk intentionally.

Reveal Christ intentionally.

AFFIRMATION

I am not powerless.

I am not abandoned.

I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit.

I have been given authority through Christ, power through the Spirit, and responsibility through the Kingdom.

I will not merely celebrate Pentecost. I will live Pentecost.

I will walk in the Spirit, witness with boldness, steward my assignment, and reveal Christ in the earth.

Let's Pray:

Father, in the name of Jesus,

Thank You for the gift of the Holy Spirit and for the power to live as Your witnesses in the earth.

Help us to walk daily in awareness of Your presence within us.

Give us boldness to speak, wisdom to live, humility to serve, and strength to fulfill every assignment You have placed in our hands.

Teach us not merely to hear the Word, but to practice it.

Let our lives reveal Christ in our speech, our conduct, our character, and our compassion.

Refresh us where we are weary.

Refill us where we have grown empty.

And lead us by Your Spirit into greater purpose, greater faithfulness, and greater love.

Through Him we receive life, by His power we function and fulfill purpose, and in His sustaining presence we discover our identity, existence, and meaning.

We thank You that we are not abandoned, not powerless, but indwelt and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.