

Small Group Questions: Empowered to Imitate Jesus

Series: Acts: Encountering the Holy Spirit

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Read

Acts 9:36-42; Mark 5:37-40; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Mark 5:41-43; Genesis 3:1; James 1:22; Ephesians 5:1-2; James 4:6; 2 Corinthians 12:9

Reflect

Jesus taught the disciples about the power of the Holy Spirit, as described in Gospels of John and Mark. He healed so that the disciples could witness his faith and model his behavior. How can we exhibit faith and gratitude?

Pastor Josh Walters highlights the following about imitating Jesus:

1. Watch closely

- a. What did Jesus do in Mark 5:37-43? Why is this scripture significant?
- b. Share a time when you showed faith.
- c. How can you move from “seeing” God to “watching” him?

2. Listen carefully

- a. How and when do you listen for God’s guidance?
- b. Why do you or do you not rely on the Bible? Share your favorite Bible verse and explain why it’s meaningful to you.
- c. In what ways do you need to improve your ability to imitate Jesus?

3. Act boldly

- a. Why do you believe we should be humble when helping others?
- b. How can you act boldly, while still being humble?
- c. Read and discuss James 1:22. What actions do you hesitate taking and why?

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. (NIV)

Respond: Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?