

Witness: Lesson 5: Power (November 5 sermon)

Watch the *Power* video, found at: resonateglobalmission.org/witnessvideos

Icebreaker: What is a specific example from your own life of something that is unfortunately beyond your control?

Read: Matthew 28:16-20 & 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Discussion Questions:

- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in each of these passages?
- How do you describe the Holy Spirit? What is the Holy Spirit's character? What does the Holy Spirit do?
- Given what you know about the context of both of these passages, what do you notice about the growth of Jesus' followers from the disciples in Matthew to the church in Thessalonica?
- What were the disciples responsible for in the growth of the church? What was left to the Holy Spirit?
- In your church and in your neighborhood today, what are Jesus followers responsible for in sharing as a gospel witness?
- How often are you aware of the Holy Spirit at work in your own heart and life? What could you do to increase this awareness?
- What are you intentionally asking the Holy Spirit to do in the lives of your congregation and your neighbors?

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1 Thessalonians

Our gospel came to you not simply with words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. -1 Thessalonians 1:5a

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Holy Spirit's _____

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You welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. -1 Thessalonians 1:6b

Holy Spirit's _____

They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath. -1 Thessalonians 1:9b-10

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We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. -1 Thessalonians 1:3

The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia—your faith in God has become known everywhere. -1 Thessalonians 1:8

Joy ____ Conviction ____ Water ____ Reputation ____ Endurance ____