

## LIFE GROUP GUIDELINE TERM 1 WEEK 2

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### POWER UNLIMITED – BIG GOD

#### Authority and Anointing



#### Ice-Breaker

Each share your own 'impossible' dream – whether it's about Bafana winning the World Cup, flying to the moon or experiencing snow at Christmas.

#### Worship

See worship booklet.

#### Word and Discussion

Read Ephesians 3:20-21 in different translations.

#### Discuss:

- What does the word **able** mean?

According to these verses, God's ability finds expression in His power at work in us.

- What is the purpose of His power at work in us?
  - To do His will and to live victoriously;
  - To extend and establish His Kingdom;
  - To bring glory to His name; and
  - Anything else?

In order to see His power manifest, we must connect to His purpose.

God's power in us works through His **authority** and the **anointing of His Spirit**.

#### Discuss:

- What does *authority* mean?
  - It is to have a mandate or right delegated to you to do something. For example a traffic officer who stops oncoming traffic.
- What does *anointing* mean?
  - In the Old Testament to be anointed was to be smeared with oil (as a symbol of the Holy Spirit) to consecrate a person for a specific office or task.
  - Therefore it means to be divinely enabled by the Holy Spirit to perform our God-given role or task.
  - According to Acts 1:8 the power of God is embodied by the person of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NIV)

We have every hope to see more of God's power operate in our lives because of the authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

There are basically two dimensions in which God's power operates in our lives:

- When we receive a miracle to fulfil our own need; and
- When we become instrumental in seeing God's power manifest miraculously in others.

We must keep on believing and receiving our own miracles, but we must also trust God for more miraculous breakthroughs in the lives and circumstances of others.

#### Discuss:

- As a group, shortly testify about miracles God has done for each of you recently.
- Also share how you have been instrumental for God to help someone else.
- What emotions did you experience when used by God? Was there any temptation for pride or were you humbled by the privilege?

God made a huge investment of power in us when we were filled with the Holy Spirit.

(See Acts 1:8)

- Is the investment Jesus made in His disciples in the following verses still valid for modern disciples?

*Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*

Luke 10:19 (NKJV)

*And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.*

Matthew 10:1 (NKJV)

#### **Conclusion**

Embrace and accept your call to glorify God and to manifest Christ!

#### **Prayer Focus**

##### Personal Prayer

- Use the opportunity to pray for those who have not been filled with the Holy Spirit yet.
- Trust the Lord for the miracle of speaking in tongues.

##### Corporate Prayer:

- Pray together:
  - Lord, I am available for Your power.
  - Use me, Lord.

- Confess Luke 4:18-19 as your own:

*"The Spirit of the LORD is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD."*

- In the group, mention the needs of other people who need a miracle. Pray!