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## Week 7 / Sent With Power / Acts 1:8 & John 20:21-22

### ICEBREAKER

Who first invited you to church, introduced you to Jesus or influenced your faith journey? How did that impact you? Was there anything unique in their approach that stood out to you?

OR

What's one way you've recently stepped out of your comfort zone to serve or share your faith?

### SUPPLEMENTAL VIDEO

Scan the QR code found on the right side of the back of your Host Resources Card in your small group kit. Watch or listen to the video as a group, prior to starting the rest of your discussion.

### INTRODUCTION

Jesus didn't send His followers on mission alone — He gave them the Holy Spirit's power. The same Spirit that turned fearful disciples into bold witnesses now empowers us to carry the hope of Jesus wherever we go.

What stood out to you from this week's message?

### INTO THE WORD

**Read Acts 1:8; Acts 4:31; 2 Timothy 1:7.**

What does it mean to be a witness filled with power? Where might you need courage from the Holy Spirit today?

**Host Guidance:** The Spirit turns fear into fearless faith. Encourage stories of moments when people felt prompted to go speak, pray, or serve and how the Spirit gave courage.

**Read John 20:21–22; Matthew 28:18–20.**

What does it mean to be “sent” as Jesus was sent? How do you see your everyday spaces (home, work, neighborhood) as part of God’s mission field?

**Host Guidance:** We are a sent people. Mission isn’t a program; it’s an identity. As followers of Jesus, we are all called to be disciple-making disciples. Help the group think practically about living on mission in their regular routines — through kindness, prayer, or sharing hope.

**Read Acts 8:4–8; Revelation 7:9–10.**

How does the Spirit extend God’s mission through ordinary people? What excites or challenges you about being part of God’s global story?

**Host Guidance:** The Spirit multiplies witness outward, crossing boundaries of comfort and culture. Encourage awe and gratitude that God uses our small obedience in His global mission.

## **E M B R A C E   A N D   E M B O D Y**

**(Essentials: Make God Known and Serve Others)**

We are empowered and sent by the Spirit to reflect Jesus’ love and truth to the world.

**Reflect as a group:**

- Who might God be sending you to love or serve this week?
- What fear holds you back from sharing your faith?
- How could your group live on mission together this season? Take time to discuss potential serving options for your small group.

**Action Step**

Pick a day this week when you will be out and about and wear your “I am never alone” t-shirt. Take time

to pray: “Holy Spirit, give me courage to be Your witness today.” Look for one opportunity to share Jesus’ hope with someone.

#### GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE: BOLDNESS PRAYER

- Begin with Acts 4:31.
- Invite the group to pray for boldness — by name — for each person’s sphere of influence (family, work, community).
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower your group to live “sent” this week.

#### CLOSING PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank You for sending us with Your power. Fill us with courage to speak, compassion to serve, and confidence to carry Your hope wherever You lead. Use our lives to make Jesus known. Amen.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- This is a great time to ensure your group members have received their shirts and encourage them to use them as a tool to spark spiritual conversations!
- Post your weekly group pictures in your campus Facebook group for one last chance to win a pizza party for your group!