



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Theme of the month:	Spirit-Empowered Leadership
Text for the Week:	Acts 6:1-7
Message for the Week:	“Choosing Leaders”
Theme for the Week:	Choosing church leaders through spiritual discernment.

Week 16

Opening:

What is one low (a bad thing) and one high (a good thing) that happened to you this past week? Write them down and take turns sharing them with the others in your group.

Where have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your life this past week?

Share one of your spiritual gifts. How are you using this gift?

Preparation:

Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with God to center and prepare yourself for your time with God today.

Read:

Read [Acts 6:1-7](#) out loud.

What words, phrases, or ideas grabbed your attention and heart in these verses?

Write them down below and/or share them those who are with you.

Respond / Reflect:

When have you felt frustrated, misunderstood, hurt, marginalized, or taken for granted recently? What happened to make you feel this way? How did you react?

Who do you know that embodies the qualifications listed (someone who is known, a person of character; someone who is full of the Holy Spirit, shows evidence of the Spirit's work in their life; someone who is full of wisdom, who has experience applying God's truth to their life) for serving in the early church?

How did you answer some of questions listed in the message? You can find a copy of the message at this link: <https://covenant-crc.org/re-imagining-church/>

If the call went out to choose seven people who are willing to serve or to lead, or contribute, or pray, would you be in that number?

“Try It!”

Take a spiritual gifts assessment to learn more about how God has gifted you. Have everyone in your family take the assessment and talk about the results together.

Need to take gift assessment? Take one at this link: <https://form.jotform.us/71223564145148>

Prayer:

Spend time in prayer regarding the things God revealed and that you discerned in your time with God today.

Also, spend time in prayer with/for the other people who are with you...pray this prayer.

Lord, as we focus this month on the theme of Spirit empowered leadership, we pray for an outpouring of your Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray Holy Spirit that You will reveal Christ to us. Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray Holy Spirit that you will shape us in the character of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray Holy Spirit that will equip us for the mission of Christ. Come, Holy Spirit.

We pray Holy Spirit that you will form us by the early church's rule of life; devotion to the Apostle's Teaching, to the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, AMEN.

Missional Practice for the Month:

Pray for the leaders at our church, at your school, at your place of work, and in our community. Pray that they would be filled with the Spirit and be wise and discerning. Sometime this month, call or send a card to some of them to encourage and support them.