



A Guide for Spiritual Formation

Theme of the month: Spirit-Empowered Leadership

Text for the Week: Acts 8:26-40

Message for the Week: A Divine Appointment

Theme for the Week: Spirit-Empowered leaders listen to and obey promptings from the Holy Spirit

Week 19

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?

Do you have a “divine appointment” or “airplane” story? Share it.

Preparation:

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

Read:

Read [Acts 8:26-40](#) 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:

Children and students ask your parents, grandparents, discipleship journey guides, or other adults how they listen to and respond to God's prompting and leadings in their life. How does this compare with how you listen to and respond to God's prompting and leadings in your life?

How would you explain [Isaiah 53:7-9](#) passage to someone if they asked you?

Where, what, or who is the "chariot" God is calling you to run alongside of?

While you are living your everyday life, how do you go about being open to, aware of, and engage in the divine appointments, leadings, and promptings that God is bringing to your life?

"Try It!"

Clare DeGraaf in his book, *The 10-second Rule - Following Jesus Made Simple*, defines the 10 second rule this way:

"Just do the next thing your reasonably certain Jesus wants you to do" ...and commit to it immediately—in the next 10 seconds.

Throughout this week, God is going to give you divine appointments. There is no doubt about it. God will give you leadings, promptings, and nudges through the Holy Spirit each day. Nudges to talk, help, stop, listen, say hello, greet, call, text, write, etc. Each day this week while you are at home, work, school, walking your dog, doing errands, hanging out with friends, doing homework, etc., be open to these nudges, promptings, and divine appointments from God. Each time they occur, commit to doing the thing you are reasonably certain Jesus wants you to do within 10 seconds.

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.