

## January 2 Adult Spiritual Growth Class Synopsis

### Unshakable Hope: Chapter 12: You Will Have Power

What comes to mind when you think about the Holy Spirit?

Where are you allowing the Holy Spirit to work?

Where are you not allowing Him to work?

On the last night of His life, Jesus promised His disciples the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit: *“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) Jesus promises the very power that raised Him from the grave to all of His saints. The Holy Spirit, God’s Breath, is the animating force behind all of creation (Genesis 1:2) *“for if God withdrew His spirit and breath, all humanity would perish together and mankind would return to dust.”* (Job 34:14-15).

In John 3:5-7, Jesus says that *“no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit<sup>l</sup> gives birth to spirit.... ‘you must be born again.’”*

In Ephesians 1:13-14, we are told, *“When you believed, you were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.”* *“We are saved through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom our Savior Jesus Christ pours out so generously on us, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.”* (Titus 3:6-7)

The Holy Spirit transforms our lives. We begin to think as God thinks, love as God loves, and see as God sees. *“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”* (2 Corinthians 3:18) *Through the Spirit we are recipients of His fruit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.* (Galatians 5:22-23)

The Holy Spirit distributes different gifts (1 Corinthians 12:7-11; unites us as the Body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27); comforts us (Acts 9:31); guides us into all truth and reveals the things that are still to come (John 16:13); offers prayers of intercession (Romans 8:26); bears witness that we are saved (Galatians 4:6); attests to the presence of God with signs and miracles (Hebrews 2:3-4, Romans 15:18-19); and gives truth, wisdom and freedom. (John 14:16-17, Isaiah 11:2, 2 Corinthians 3:17).

So, through the power of the Holy Spirit, may each day in 2022 be one of hope and promise for *“God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.”* (Philippians 2:13)

A song to reflect and pray on:

[Same Power - Jeremy Camp \(lyric video\) - YouTube](#)

## Looking ahead – Sunday January 9

Chapter 13 – Justice Will Prevail

God's Promise

Acts 17:31

For he has set a day when he will judge the world.