

SMALL GROUP GUIDE

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Do You Have Power?

Acts 1:8

“But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.”

On May 17, 2026, Apostle John Varner brought the word at the Courts of Praise Sunday Service, anchoring his message in Acts 1:8 with threads running through John 17, Acts 2, and Judges 1. He pressed every believer to stop doing life without the power God promised — not as a door out of the world, but as equipment to penetrate it.

This guide works well for groups of 4-10. Move through the questions as a conversation, not a checklist. Let people speak from their real experience.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Apostle John Varner said, “Your problem is not the devil — it’s that person you see in the mirror.”

- What do you think he meant? Do you agree?

Leader note: This question invites personal ownership.

2. Read Acts 1:8 together. The power promised here is tied to being a witness. What does it look like in your daily life to be a witness — not just in church, but in the ordinary places you go?

Leader note: Help the group move past “witnessing” as formal evangelism. The question is about everyday availability — being present and attentive to the people around you - not being a part of a formal evangelism outreach program.

3. Apostle Varner taught that speaking in tongues is a language “your brain can’t goof up and the devil can’t get in there and mess up.”

- How has praying in tongues been a weapon for you in a hard season?
- Do you actively participate with the Holy Ghost by praying in tongues?

4. He described the power of the Holy Spirit as *dunamis*, an explosive capacity.

- Where in your life right now are you most in need of something that breaks through with power?
- Have you seen the “*dunamis*” power of God in your life recently?

Leader note: This is a personal and potentially vulnerable question. Model openness. If someone is in a genuinely hard season, let the group minister to them rather than rushing to the next question.

5. Caleb’s daughter got off her donkey and asked her father for springs of water. Apostle Varner said God is telling you to get up off your comfortable place and ask Him for something.

- What would it look like for you to ask the Lord with confidence?
- What is one thing you have been hesitant to ask for?

Acts 2:39

“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”

This week, set aside 15 minutes to pray out loud in the Holy Ghost. If you don't have the baptism of the Holy Spirit, ask for it by faith. If you do, press in and use what God has already given you. Come back next week ready to share what happened.