



# DIGGING DEEPER

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This study guide is designed to help you dig deeper into the weekend message and apply it to your life. The questions below are meant to encourage thoughtful reflection, discussion, and prayer for you and your group. If you missed the message (or want to hear it again) go to [fopc.org/sermon](http://fopc.org/sermon) or download the Fair Oaks Church App.

## PRAY [Have someone open in prayer]

Pray not only for this study but also for what is going on in each others lives.

## MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week at Fair Oaks Church we continued our series The Church is.... Empowered. We are looking at how we are empowered by the Holy Spirit.

## KEY SCRIPTURE [Read aloud]

<sup>12</sup>Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."

<sup>13</sup>When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup>But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.

<sup>23</sup>On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup>When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. <sup>25</sup>You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup>The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one."

<sup>27</sup>Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. <sup>28</sup>They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. <sup>29</sup>Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup>Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

<sup>31</sup>After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. **Acts 4:12-14, 23-31(NIV)**

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is something that stood out to you from this week's lesson?
2. Many organizations seek to accomplish similar goals as the church: caring for the homeless, feeding the hungry, etc. What makes the church different from those organizations?
3. As individuals, we are empowered by the Holy Spirit, yet we often find reasons for why the Holy Spirit should skip us in regard to using us in service. Take a minute and share either the insecurities that have limited you in the past or what you are currently struggling with.
4. Read Acts 2:1-4. What were the two key observations made by the audience? What two things made the disciples capable of bringing the Gospel to the world?
5. Take a minute and read Acts 4:23-31. Identify and discuss the three requests the believers make during their prayer. How does this prayer guide and direct us today?

## PRAY

As a group, pray for empowerment. Then, decide how you want to serve the church or community this Life Group Season.