

Care Group Discussion Guide From Brooding to Explosion

HOSPITALITY

Take time to welcome each other to group and share about your week.

ICE BREAKER

What does a life operating in God's power and presence look like? (Take time for everyone in the group to share.)

BIBLE DISCUSSION

- 1. Read Genesis 1:2 & Luke 1:35. The Hebrew word for "hovering" and the Greek word for "overshadow" are similar concepts about how the Holy Spirit was present as "brooding" or "stirring." What are some ways the Holy Spirit is stirring or hovering over the church today?
- 2. How should we respond to the work of the Holy Spirit to bring about revival?
- 3. Read Acts 1:5,8; Acts 10:44-46; Acts 11:15-18. These passages describe the "powerful" or explosive work of the Holy Spirit in and through the Church. What does the explosive power of God at work look like in these Bible passages?
- 4. What might the explosive power of God at work in our personal lives look like? In our church?
- 5. There are two keys to the foundation of revival: 1.) God's Sovereignty 2.) The Spiritual Preparation of Man. What examples do we find in the Acts 2 (Day of Pentecost) and Luke 1 (Mary's pregnancy and Birth of Jesus) of both of these keys?

6. Four lessons we can learn from these passages about living a life of greater glory are 1.) Living a Life of Surrender to God; 2.) Committed at All Costs; 3.) Continue in Desperation for Him; 4.) Receive from Him. What examples of these lessons can we find in the Bible? How can you apply each of these lessons?

MINISTRY & PRAYER TIME

Based on the discussion today, what areas do you need support and prayer for? What other prayer needs do you have? Take time to pray for one another.

PERSONAL DEEPER COMMITMENT

Select one or two of the activities below that you will complete before our next meeting to continue your personal growth:

Journal: Carve out 30 minutes in your week to write about this question: **How can I live in greater surrender to God's power and presence in my life?**

Coaching or Mentoring: Take some time to have a coaching or mentoring conversation this week with someone about *your desire and their desire to have greater surrender to God's presence and power*.

Memorization: Memorize the following Bible verse this week:

Now until him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (Ephesians 3:20)

Pray: Spend an intentional 30 minutes in prayer about surrendering to God's presence and power in your life, praying Ephesians 3:20.

Study: Read In The Day of Thy Power by Arthur Wallis

WRAP UP

Remind everyone of the next group meeting.

IMPORTANT CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- Next Steps Series (4 weeks) beginning January 11, Wednesdays @ 7-8:30pm
- Discipleship Coaching Training with Pastor Zach, January 14, 9am-4pm
- Harp & Bowl Night of Worship January 29 @ 6pm
- Women's Night Out, January 17, 6:30pm, Clean Eatz
- Healing Rooms Reopen January 15 @ 6pm