



## **“Powered by His Presence ” Small Group Discussion Guide**

Opening Prayer: Begin with a brief prayer asking God to open hearts and minds to understand His power and presence in our lives.

Overview: This message explores how God’s presence empowers us through:

1. Revealing the mystery of Christ’s inclusive gospel
2. Assigning us a mission empowered by grace
3. Supplying us with the Spirit’s power for a full life in Christ

Part 1: God Reveals the Mystery - Key Scripture:Ephesians 3:1-6

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul describes himself as a prisoner of Christ, not of Rome. What does it mean to be a “prisoner of Jesus” today?
2. Why is it important that God’s will “fills every gap” in our lives, even beyond what we think is good?
3. How does knowing that Jesus is in control affect your perspective on uncertainty and anxiety?
4. Paul teaches that Gentiles and Jews are united by grace into one body. What walls or divisions has God broken down in your life or community?
5. Reflect on Jesus’ examples of breaking social, racial, and cultural barriers. How do we live out that example in our context?

Part 2: God Assigns the Mission - Key Scripture:Ephesians 3:7-13

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul was called to minister despite considering himself “the least of all saints.” How does humility play a role in fulfilling our mission?
2. What does it mean that grace “makes strangers into God’s sons and daughters”? How should this affect how we treat others?
3. Why is it important to rely on the Holy Spirit’s power rather than our own strength?
4. Paul speaks of the “unsearchable riches of Christ.” Have you ever experienced how much God has to offer beyond what you expected?
5. What practical ways can you “let your light shine” in everyday settings (work, school, family, etc.)?



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Part 3: God Supplies the Might - Key Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Discussion Questions:

1. Paul prays for believers to be strengthened with power through the Spirit in their inner being. How can you invite the Holy Spirit to strengthen you daily?
2. Paul says Christ should “dwell in your hearts through faith.” What does it look like to make room for Jesus in your heart?
3. What does being “rooted and grounded in love” mean to you? Why is love the foundation?
4. Paul describes the love of Christ as having breadth, length, height, and depth. How have you experienced God’s love in ways that go beyond your understanding?
5. How can we live a “fullness of God” life—not half full—but abundant? What needs to change for that to happen?

Reflection Questions:

- Are there areas in your life where you still feel powerless or anxious? How can trusting Jesus as Lord help?
- Who are you called to reach out to or serve in your community as part of God’s mission?
- How can you personally rely more on the Holy Spirit’s power this week?

Action Steps:

- Identify one way to break down a dividing wall (cultural, racial, social) in your life or community this week.
- Practice humility by recognizing areas where Christ needs to increase and self needs to decrease.
- Look for daily opportunities to shine your light through kindness, listening, and intentional living.
- Spend time each day asking the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh and plant you deeper in love.

Closing Prayer:

Pray that God would empower the group as Paul prayed—inwardly strengthening, filling with love, and revealing the vastness of Christ’s love so each person can live fully for His glory.

Bonus Thought:

Remember the encouragement from Spurgeon: expect God to move and save as you go faithfully in His power. Let that hope fuel your mission and confidence!