



EMPOWERED LIVING LIKE JESUS DID

Empowered – What Are We Called To Do?

Date: Sunday 3rd April

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Key Verses: John 14:12-14

Talk Summary:

Jesus calls us to follow Him: to be with Him, to see what He did, to listen to Him, and learn from Him by doing the things that He did. Jesus both said and did many remarkable things: miracles of all kinds, in all kinds of places for all kinds of people. These things revealed who God was and released the kingdom of heaven here on earth.

Jesus told his disciples to do the same thing and that includes us (John 14:12-14)

I tell you this timeless truth: The person who follows me in faith, believing in me, will do the same mighty miracles that I do - even greater miracles than these because I go to be with my Father! For I will do whatever you ask me to do when you ask me in my name. And that is how the Son will show what the Father is really like and bring glory to him. Ask me anything in my name, and I will do it for you.

We can do this, step by step, by loving the people that God puts in front of us, and praying for them, encouraging them, and using the gifts of the spirit (1 Corinthians 12:7) outside our meetings as well as in them. Jesus gives us choice about how to respond: our gift to Him is our availability and obedience as we step out and do what He did, releasing the kingdom everywhere, every day for everyone.

Worship

Worship is not just singing, it is thanking God for who he is and what he has done and is lived out through a life of trusting obedience. Discussing this together is an act of worship.

(Small group worship resources can be found at bvc.so/sgworship)

- What are you thankful for this week?
- Where has God been at work in your life?
- When have you taken risks in faith and obedience this week?

If you have a time of singing you can skip the above questions but please do ask this question each week:

- What has God been speaking to you about this week? (*Go around the group quickly don't spend a long time on it*)

Discussion Questions (choose some which are most relevant to your group)

- What miracles do you need God to do right now, for you, your community or in our city?
- What can we learn from God using people like Smith Wigglesworth and Mama Tanweke?
- What does it mean to you that our gift to God is to offer ourselves, our obedience and availability?
- Have you ever prayed for anyone outside a church meeting? What, if anything, holds you back from doing this more often?
- What do you think God is saying to you right now?

Witness - *How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?*

We want to be investing in authentic relationships with those who don't know Jesus yet and inviting them to anything where they might meet other Christians and Jesus. Pick one of the below each week:

- How would you share what you have learned with a non-church friend?
- What church events coming up would your friends appreciate an invitation to?
 - Upcoming Events (go to bvc.so/whats-on for details)
 - Worship Circle – 9th April
 - Young Adults Night – 9th April