

**Instructions:**

Group leaders, take some time before your gathering to look over these questions. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pick 3-5 questions to discuss that pertain to your group's unique style and needs.



**Series: Empowered**

We are part of a larger story of faith with those who have gone before us and learned to follow Jesus in their own time and place. Their stories and witness have formed us and still inform us today as we are empowered to preach “good news to the poor, proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, and to set the oppressed free” in our own time.

In this series we celebrate and remember that we have been empowered; by our story of faith, by the witness of the saints, and by the Spirit to press on. To run the race well. To keep going, with our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. As we follow in their footsteps may we find courage and comfort in their stories and remember that we have been empowered to share the same story of faith today.

**Key Scripture: Hebrews 11-12:2**

*We have come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord,  
Trusting in His holy Word,  
He's never failed us --yet.  
Singin' oh, oh, oh, can't turn a-round,  
We've come this far by faith.*

**Questions based on this week's teaching:**

1. “We have come this far by faith.” Reflect on your own faith journey. Share about a time (or times) when your faith brought you through a difficult season. Now looking back, when was it clear that God was with you and sustaining you?
2. Reflect on your own story of faith. Who is someone from your past, or someone who has passed away, who greatly impacted your faith development. Share about that person and what you learned from them. Give thanks for them today.
3. Who are you learning from today? Who is someone you might name as a living saint because they are running the race of faith and life with you now, encouraging you, and teaching you about Jesus? Share about that person. If possible, make an intentional effort to thank them this week for their love and encouragement in your life. A note or text goes a long way!