

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: Ephesians 6:10-20

Questions based on this week's teaching:

1. Read Ephesians 6:10-20 again. What role does prayer play for a community called to stand firm in the power of the Lord? In what ways does Revolution stand firm together?
2. What about Jessie Daniel Ames' story impacted you?
3. What are you compelled to do differently this week?
4. Rachel has several times quoted Dr. Jemar Tisby in this series from his work *The Spirit of Justice*, where he says:

"Most people are not willing to give up their comfort, status, time, or treasure to truly devote themselves to the cost of justice. But... there has always been a small but stalwart group of people who have been gripped by the spirit of justice, who cannot and will not give up."

Who have you seen give up their comfort, status, time, and treasure to work for justice or proclaim the gospel boldly? Who can you encourage or thank because of their witness?

5. In the Spirit of Thanksgiving, share things you are grateful for about our church family with your house group and spend time in prayer together.