

## **“Do What Jesus Did”** **Fully Alive #4**

*Mat 25:34-36 NLT - 34“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the creation of the world. 35 For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. 36 I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.’*

*Matthew 10:8 NLT - 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!*

According to Matthew 25 God sees our compassion for those in need as being done unto Him. And in Matthew 10:8 Jesus told the Apostles to give as freely as they had received.

*Here is one way to do what Jesus did. With your group, make a list of where you can touch someone in need, and then do it. (some suggestions - pray for the waitress serving you lunch, buy a pair of socks for the homeless person in front of the store, spend time listening to the widow next door, contribute food to the Lord’s Pantry...)*

### **WRAP-UP**

We have been so richly blessed by God. He sent His Holy Spirit to give us power to live as witnesses of Jesus to everyone, everywhere. If we believe this, we will begin to step out and touch those who need the good news of the Kingdom, doing what Jesus did on Earth, as it is in Heaven.

### **Memory Verse**

*Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received! - Matthew 10:8 NLT*

### **PRAYER (20 MIN)**

Ask your group to pray for you regarding one area where you can apply this study in your life: \_\_\_\_\_  
Pray for your group members’ needs: \_\_\_\_\_

*Challenge- What’s God been stirring in you?*

### **INTRODUCTION**

As we conclude our Fully Alive sermon series, we will consider how we can do what Jesus did, not only in His lifestyle, but in His ministry. Jesus’ ministry didn’t end when He ascended to heaven, it was entrusted to His followers. As we look at all the ways Jesus ministered to the people He encountered, we may think “I can’t do that!” Of course, you can’t in your own power, but “Jesus in you” can through the power of the Holy Spirit. And so, we will believe and live like we have been loved by Jesus and shaped by Jesus before we begin to attempt to do what Jesus did on Earth as it is in Heaven.

### **Ice Breaker (Optional—8 min)**

How often do you pray the Lord’s Prayer?

### **STUDY QUESTIONS (45 MIN)**

#### **1. Entering into and Living in the Kingdom**

*Mark 1:14-15 NLT - 14 Later on, after John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee, where he preached God’s Good News. 15 “The time promised by God has come at last!” he announced. “The Kingdom of God is near! Repent of your sins and believe the Good News!”*

*Luke 9:1-2 NLT - 1 One day Jesus called together his twelve disciples and gave them power and authority to cast out all demons and to heal all diseases. 2 Then he sent them out to tell everyone about the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick.*

The Good News of the Kingdom of God was not meant to be kept a secret. Jesus announced the Good News everywhere He went, and He sent out His disciples to do the same.

*What do the above passages show us that makes the “Good News” good? Who is it in your life that comes to mind as needing the good news of forgiveness or healing?*

All of Jesus teaching and preaching can be viewed in the framework of the Kingdom of God- either entering into it or living in it. That is what it means to live fully alive- following Jesus; loved, forgiven and healed; joined together with other believers.

*What are some examples of the ways you have experienced this kind of “kingdom living”?*

## **2. The Power of Jesus in You**

As time grew near for Jesus to return to Heaven, His followers had to be concerned about what was going to happen if He left them again, after all they had recently experienced losing Him to the crucifixion and the trauma of that loss was still fresh. But He gave His followers assurance that they weren't going to be left helpless or abandoned.

*Acts 1:8 NLT - 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere--in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come. That addressed any concerns about abandonment they had. But He also said they would receive power. The Greek word for power (*dynamis*) means strength in action, both morally and physically.

*To whom did Jesus promise this power? What do you think qualifies someone to receive that power today?*

The power of the Holy Spirit was seen in many different expressions in the second chapter of Acts.

*Share with your group any of these types of Holy Spirit power you have observed personally. (miraculous, supernaturally enhanced ability, everyday sharing and caring)*

### **Miraculous**

*Acts 2:4 NLT - 4 And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability.*

## **Natural Abilities Enhanced to Supernatural Levels**

*Acts 2:14-18 NLT - 14 Then Peter stepped forward with the eleven other apostles and shouted to the crowd, "Listen carefully, all of you, fellow Jews and residents of Jerusalem! Make no mistake about this. 15 These people are not drunk, as some of you are assuming. Nine o'clock in the morning is much too early for that. 16 No, what you see was predicted long ago by the prophet Joel: 17 'In the last days,' God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions, and your old men will dream dreams. 18 In those days I will pour out my Spirit even on my servants--men and women alike--and they will prophesy.*

## **Everyday Life**

*Acts 2:42-44 NLT - 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. 43 A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.*

We may be inspired by the miraculous or supernatural displays of power, but when the awe associated with them fades, we need what Pastor David refers to as “Holy Spirit Grit” to carry out our everyday life in a way that displays the Holy Spirit's power.

*What is the difference between sharing and caring for others with and without the Holy Spirit's power?*

## **3. How to be Witnesses of Jesus and His Kingdom**

Jesus told the disciples that Holy Spirit power was given so that they would be witnesses of Him to everyone, everywhere. So, the next question is “How do we do that?”