

POWER UP

ADVANCE TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN YOUR FAITH

Power Up: Week 1 | Toby Slough | March 7, 2021

GROUP QUESTIONS

1. **Winter Storm Update:** How is everyone doing? Is your home back to normal? Do you have damages that still need to be repaired? How is your heart? What did you learn about yourself during Snowid 2021?
2. Toby talked to us about moving forward. He wasn't talking about the virus or anything external. He was talking about moving forward with attitude. We have all learned a lot in 2020 -- many lessons about who we are and what we are truly about. What is one thing you learned about yourself during the pandemic?
3. **"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power." 1 Corinthians 4:20.** If we are going to move on, it is going to be in the strength of God's power and not our own. We need God's power. Before we begin our study of the person of the Holy Spirit -- not the concept of the Holy Spirit, how would you describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit? How would you explain who the Holy Spirit is in your own words?
4. The Holy Spirit is not weird. People are weird and they make the Holy Spirit weird. The Holy Spirit is the power we need to transform us into the very best version of who we are. But we have to decide if we are in on tapping into this Power. On a scale of 1-10, how ready are you to tap into this Power? Explain what you are feeling as we begin this journey.
5. **Commitment to Jesus.** We are saved by grace through faith alone. Many of us have made the commitment to Jesus. Share your testimony of how you asked Jesus to come into your life. If you haven't made this commitment, ask your group leader for information on how you can take this step.
6. **Commitment to Baptism.** Baptism is not meant to save you. Giving your life to Jesus is what saves you. Baptism is a public expression of a private decision. If you have been baptized, share the place where you were baptized and how old you were. If you haven't made this commitment, ask your group leader for information on how you can take this step.
7. **Commitment to the Holy Spirit.** Without the Holy Spirit, we will not have the power of the Holy Spirit that we need to live the life God has called us to. The Holy Spirit fills us over and over again so that we can do the work we have been called to do. Share an experience you have had where you know the Holy Spirit gave you the power you needed in that moment. If you haven't made this commitment, ask your group leader for information on how you can take this step.



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8. Send in an email to tobys@crossstimberschurch.org. In the subject line, include one of the following numbers to let us know where you are in your journey to Power Up.

#1-You have made a private commitment to Jesus and you would like someone to pray with you.

#2-You would like to go public with your private decision to follow Jesus. We will help make arrangements for you to be baptized.

#3-You are ready to receive the Power from the Holy Spirit. Toby will send you a video with practical steps on how to begin a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

VERSES

“Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” **James 1:16-17**

“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of talk but of power.” **1 Corinthians 4:20**

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith -- and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God -- not by works, so that no one can boast.” **Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)**

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” **John 20:21-22 (NIV)**

“Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.” **Acts 2:41 (NIV)**