

Small Group Talk Notes

Date - 18th September 2022

Sermon series - Advance

Talk title - A Spirit Empowered Church

Speaker - Rick Williams

Welcome

How are you doing?

How have you seen Jesus at work in your life this week?

Worship

Start by spending some time in worship together. If you have someone who can play an instrument, ask if they will lead your group in some live worship or choose a couple songs to help lead people into God's presence. Otherwise we have compiled a couple of playlists with a range of songs for you to use during worship and ministry.

[Spotify playlist](#)

[Youtube playlist](#)

Bible

Bible Text - Acts 2:1-41

Spend some time reading through the bible text together

One sentence talk summary (try to summarise the talk in just 1 sentence)

The Spirit of God now flows through, not a few special people, but through the entire Body. This has huge implications for Riverside as a church community.

Main talk points (what were the main points shared by the preacher?)

- *A new/growing sensitivity to sin*
- *Being confronted by the cross of Jesus*
- *Continually being revived to overflow with the Spirit*

Questions for application

Encourage people to share for themselves, to share deeply and to make sure everyone has a chance to speak. Sometimes quieter members of the group may need some encouragement. If you're encouraging people to share deeply, be willing to start by sharing yourself.

You may wish to come up with your own questions, but you may find the below helpful:

- *For those who heard Sunday's talk, what did Jesus say to you personally?*
- *Can you think of a situation or circumstance in your own life where you experienced what these verses are teaching?*
- *What are some obstacles to applying these verses to our life today?*
- *Has anyone recently struggled with...?*

- *As we've been discussing this, what is the Holy Spirit showing you personally?*

The aim is to lead into a time of prayer ministry...

Prayer ministry

Spend time praying for each other. The goal here is not to simply intercede for one another, we believe that the Holy Spirit is present and ready to bring change and healing today!

The follow the model below is based on how Jesus prayed for people. It's not a formula but a model we've found extremely helpful:

There are 3 simple steps: **ASK – PRAY – ASK**

- i) **ASK** – ask the person what they're asking Jesus to do for them
And ASK the Holy Spirit what He is wanting to do
- ii) **PRAY** – like Jesus did, pray your best prayers
- iii) **ASK** – what's happening? If the pain was a 10 out of 10 when they walked in tonight, ask them what they would score the pain now? What are the next steps? Thank God and ask for more. You may find it helpful to go through these steps 2-3 times.

Pray for others with your eyes open – we want to see what God is doing and respond accordingly.

To ponder or pray about this week...

What one thing will you do differently this week as a result of what we've been talking about today?