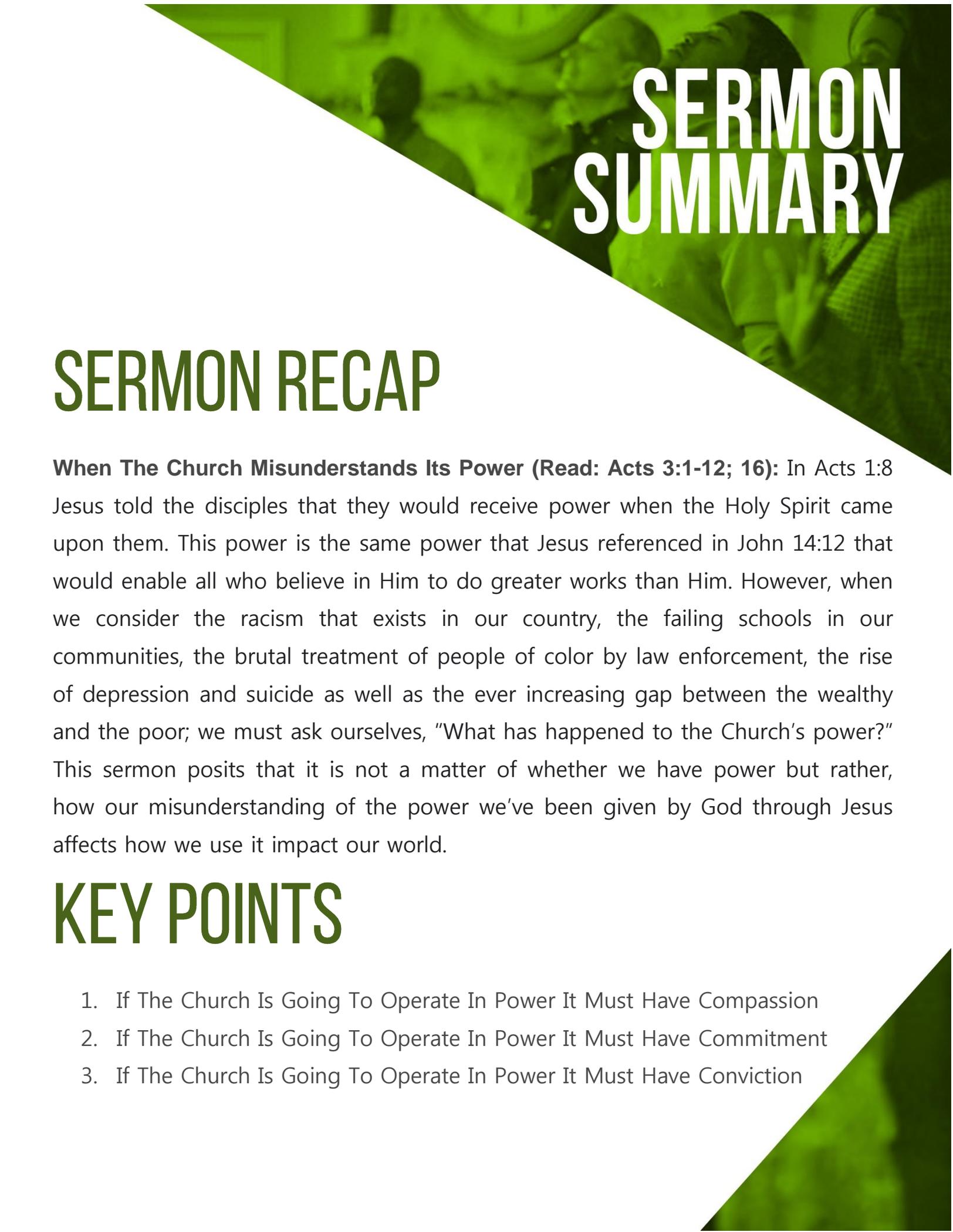


LIFE GROUP CURRICULUM

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019
PREACHER: MINISTER CYNTHIA JACKO-WISE
**SERMON TITLE: "WHEN THE CHURCH
MISUNDERSTANDS ITS POWER"**
SCRIPTURE VERSE: ACTS 3:1-12; 16

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SERMON SUMMARY

SERMON RECAP

When The Church Misunderstands Its Power (Read: Acts 3:1-12; 16): In Acts 1:8 Jesus told the disciples that they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came upon them. This power is the same power that Jesus referenced in John 14:12 that would enable all who believe in Him to do greater works than Him. However, when we consider the racism that exists in our country, the failing schools in our communities, the brutal treatment of people of color by law enforcement, the rise of depression and suicide as well as the ever increasing gap between the wealthy and the poor; we must ask ourselves, "What has happened to the Church's power?" This sermon posits that it is not a matter of whether we have power but rather, how our misunderstanding of the power we've been given by God through Jesus affects how we use it impact our world.

KEY POINTS

1. If The Church Is Going To Operate In Power It Must Have Compassion
2. If The Church Is Going To Operate In Power It Must Have Commitment
3. If The Church Is Going To Operate In Power It Must Have Conviction



FACILITATORS

FOR YOU!

Remember to begin each Life Group session with a word of prayer. This curriculum guide contains a brief summary of the sermon of the week as well as the discussion questions for this week. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the sermon.

LIVING IN FELLOWSHIP!

1. How has God's power been at work in your life this week?
 2. Has God ever performed a miracle in your life? Describe what happened.
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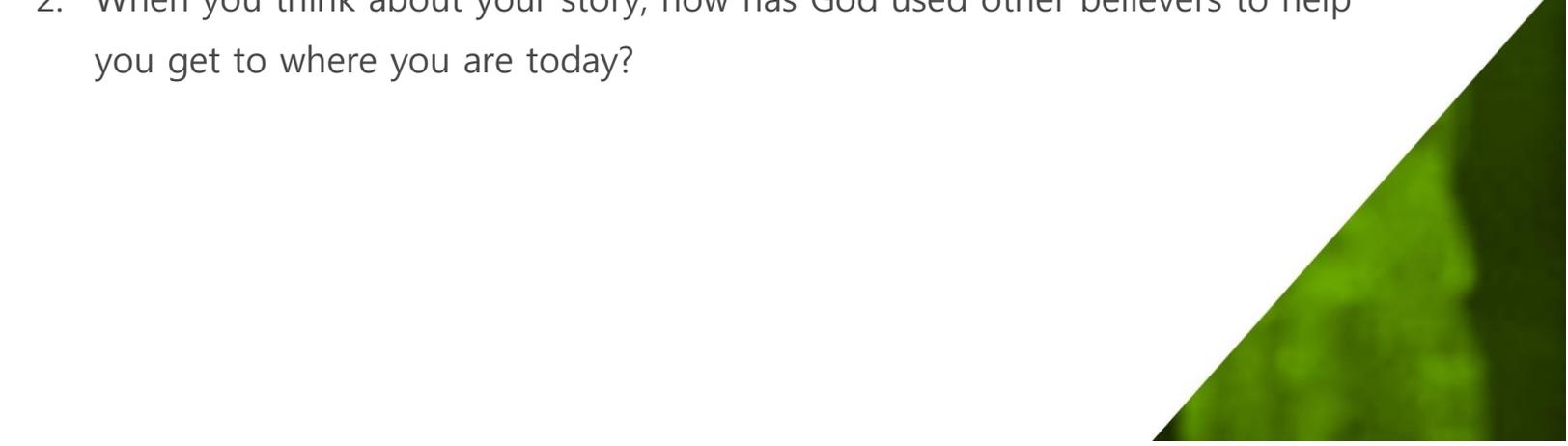


LIFE GROUP STUDY

DIVING INTO THE WORD!

1. Based on your understanding of scripture, what is the purpose of the power that we've been given through the Holy Spirit?
2. Peter did not have silver or gold. All he had was the power that is in the name of Jesus. In what ways has the power that exists in Jesus' name made a difference in your life?

LET'S GO DEEPER!

1. Peter not only prayed for the lame man's restoration, but he also took action and physically helped him get back on his feet. As you consider the people that you come in contact with every day, how can God use you to minister in power and help those around you?
 2. When you think about your story, how has God used other believers to help you get to where you are today?
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LIFE GROUP STUDY

LIVE IT OUT!

1. This week, identify at least one person that is experiencing challenges in their life and offer them prayer and help through your works.
 2. As God leads, share Sunday's sermon with someone to encourage them use the power that God has given them.
 3. Plan to attend worship service this Sunday and Refresh this Wednesday.
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