

# WALKING IT OUT

## WEEK 8: THE MISSION AND POWER

### things to think about...

- Can the people in your life (friends, family, co-workers, neighbors) tell that you are a disciple of Jesus? How do they know? If not, why?
- Ask God to show you at least one or two people that he wants you to “Go and make disciples” of. Disciples make disciples. God will give us people to disciple if we ask him and are obedient to what he shows us.
- Meditate on the reality that if you are a disciple of Jesus, God’s own Spirit dwells in you! How does this make a difference in your life? Do you live daily with the reality that your power to be and make disciples comes from the Holy Spirit?
- Jesus commanded his disciples to be baptized as a public proclamation of their trust in him and his lordship. If you have never been baptized, ask some of your spiritual leaders how and when you can take this step of obedience to Jesus.
- Have you ever led someone to put their trust in Jesus’ lordship and become his disciple? Ask God to give you this opportunity... then look out!
- How can you begin to grow in prayer and listening to God? As we pray and wait on the Spirit’s power amazing things begin to happen!

### things to read about...

**Acts 1-2** Get the full version of this week’s story and much more.

Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/acts1-2>

**John 14:15-31** Jesus comforts his disciples and promises the coming of the Holy Spirit.

Read or listen online: <http://bit.ly/john14>

**Prayer and the Gospel** A great article by Keller on how the gospel changes our prayers from mere petition to fellowship with God in Christ. Read online: <http://bit.ly/keller-prayer>

**This is He Who Baptizes with the Holy Spirit** John Piper looks at the testimony of John the Baptist who says Jesus is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Piper also talks about the work and reality of the Holy Spirit in the believer’s life. Read, listen or watch online: <http://bit.ly/piper-hs>

**Andrew Murray on Prayer** Six classics on prayer written over 100 years ago: *Abide in Christ*, *The Prayer Life*, *Waiting on God*, *With Christ in the School of Prayer*, *The Ministry of Intercession*, and *The Secret of Intercession*. Read an excerpt or purchase online: <http://bit.ly/murray-prayer>

**Verses of the Bible to Memorize** (they’ll help you remember some big ideas from this week’s story):

John 20:21 "Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.'"

John 13:35 "By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

From John 8:31 "Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.'"