YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER

<u>Guidelines</u>: sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

Sermon Discussion:

- 1. Read **John 7:37-39** and review the **main points** of the sermon.
 - a. Are you thirsty?
 - b. Are you willing to come to Christ with your thirst?
 - c. Are you seeing His promise fulfilled in your life?
 - i. There's no limit to the Spirit's work in you
 - ii. It was never His intent that the Spirit's work in you should end with you...

2. Reflect and Ruminate:

- a. What does it look like practically to be thirsty?
- b. How do the religious/"good folks" try to quench their thirst for God without Jesus? Why does this happen?!
- c. What does it mean to "come and drink"?
- d. What does it look like to have your "innermost being" flowing with "rivers of living water"?
- e. Is there a ditch you fall into Ignoring the Bible or ignoring the Spirit?



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- 3. Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:
 - a. What is a temptation to quench your thirst instead of the Holy Spirit? Things of this world? Religion? Disciplines?
 - b. If the following is how the Spirit works, are you allowing Him to work?
 - You keep seeing more of your Savior
 - Your love for Jesus is growing deeper and deeper
 - Your understanding of what He did for you on the cross moves you so much more deeply
 - Your thoughts of Him are so more frequent throughout the day
 - You find yourself wanting to tell others about Him and to see Him glorified in other's lives!
- 4. <u>Request</u>: Which one of these will you make a focus of prayer this next week?
- 5. <u>Remember the Gospel</u>: He's calling us (all of us!) to recognize our thirst (our sin and inability) and just drink (freely and deeply!).

Prayer Emphasis:

Praise & Prayer. If you say the Spirit's doing a good work in your life, are you less prideful and selfish? Are you giving and willing to sacrifice for others? Are you more committed to obeying God's Word, even if it means doing something hard that's going to inconvenience your life? Are you more courageous and bold to speak up for Jesus?