

## WAITING ROOM | 4-3-16

### REFLECT & DISCUSS

No one likes sitting in a waiting room, but inevitably we do. We sit in that place in-between where we were and where we need to go. Waiting for our appointment, our questions answered, our next step, we hope for someone to call our name. Someone to meet with us, help us, fill us with hope for progress. When was the last time you sat in a waiting room? How long did you wait? What was the waiting room like? How did you feel when they finally called your name?

### READ: *Acts 1:1-5*

What three things did Jesus do during the forty days following His crucifixion? What did He promise would happen in just a few days? To be baptized by the Holy Spirit means to be filled with His presence and power. The disciples had to wait ten days to receive this promised power. What would it have been like to wait for ten days to receive this? Are you waiting on a promise God made you? What is it? How does it feel to wait?

### READ: *Acts 1:8*

What does Jesus promise will happen when the Holy Spirit fills the disciples? What happened when the Holy Spirit filled your life when you committed it to Christ? How has the power of the Holy Spirit worked in your life? When the Holy Spirit fills us with His presence and power, we become witnesses. Our lives show the proof of His transformation. In your small group or in other believers around you, what do you see in their lives that is proof of the power of the Spirit?

### READ: *Ephesians 1:18-20*

What does it mean that we are God's rich and glorious inheritance? Do you feel like you understand the greatness of God's power? Why/why not? If God's power can raise Christ from the dead, it can do anything in your life and through your life. Where do you need God's power to show up in your life? Pause and ask the Spirit of God to fill you with His presence and empower you to be a witness of His transformation.

### CHALLENGE

Express your desire for more of God. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with His presence and lead your life. Thank the Holy Spirit for using your life as proof of His power.

### PRAYER

Holy Spirit, thank you for filling me with your presence and power. You have enabled me to overcome my brokenness so I can continually step into new life. Make my life a beacon of hope for others. When others see how You've changed me, may it inspire them to be changed by You.