



## MINISTRY LEADER GUIDE

### WEEK 1: RESET YOUR CONNECTION [Slide]

#### Part I: Welcome + Intro + Testimony (5-10 minutes)

##### Student Spotlight

Each week, plan to have a young person share about a time he or she has personally shared his or her faith with family, friends, on social media, or even with a stranger — regardless of the outcome.

#### Part II: Play Video 1 (12 minutes)

#### Part III: Ministry Leader Teaching Script (10-20 minutes)

- *I have had ups and downs sharing my faith. Anyone else?*  
[Share a personal experience using one of the excuses.]

*How many here have made excuses like these in the midst of your fear or discomfort?* [Slide]

- *We saw in the video: You aren't meant to share your faith apart from the power source. Just like a phone can't function without power, our faith—and specifically evangelism—must be powered by the Spirit of God. Let's look at this verse again.*
- **Principal Scripture: Acts 1:8**  
***"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*** [Slide]
  - Jesus intended for us to live in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is given to those who repent from sin and believe in and follow Jesus. Luke 11:13 says, *"If you then who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*
  - This Scripture says we are meant to be witnesses. To be a witness means to share what you have seen and experienced. We are Jesus' witnesses because we've come to know Him, we know that He is Lord and Savior, and we have seen Him work in our lives.

- Witnessing means we share about Jesus with people. This can start with a personal testimony of how you came to know Jesus, or how He gives you peace, or how He has helped you or healed you. Stories like this can help you connect with a need in someone's life. Witnessing leads to sharing the truth about Jesus, which is the Gospel.
- *When Jesus spoke those words, He and the disciples were in Jerusalem. This is all about being a witness where you are. You are to be a witness FIRST where your feet are planted: your family, your classmates, your co-workers, your teammates.*
- *In the video, Nick talked about how we need a **reset**, a clearing of past errors, so we can function according to our intended design. When we reset our connection, we are reminded of who we are and Whose we are. So many times, we find ourselves in a situation to share our faith and try to do it in our own strength. We haven't been empowered by the Holy Spirit, so we chicken out, we're too scared, we don't say anything, or we walk away. We are reset through repentance. As we trust in God, we can be used by the Holy Spirit.*
- *May I remind you that you are not meant to do this alone? When you are standing or sitting with someone and you are about to have a spiritual conversation, I want you to imagine Jesus sitting or standing right next to you. So many times, I have felt like "I can't do this." But remembering that Jesus' Spirit is with me and in me is a game changer. I know that He is going to fill me with the words to say, the courage to say them, and the power to make an impact (Luke 12:12).*
- *The Spirit that came to the first century believers is the same Spirit that lives in you, the 21st century believers. How do I know that? One of the greatest Truths in all of Scripture is that God never changes. He remains the same. **Hebrews 13:8 says, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."** [Slide]*
- *If He was doing it then, He will do it now! When you know you are around nonbelievers, you can say this simple and profound prayer that God will answer every time:  
**Help me. Fill me. Use me.** [Slide]*
- *We believe that God will give you everything you need to do everything He is calling you to do. Do you believe that?*
- This is a great place to share as a ministry leader another evangelism story from your own life. When did you experience moments of hesitation or fear or breakthrough that led to a Holy Spirit moment?

**Challenge:** Challenge your group to add this **Acts 1:8 graphic [2 Slides]** to their lock screens or wallpaper on their phones. It's a reminder that God has a plan for their lives and that they are being called to be witnesses. Challenge them to take a moment to pause each day and read it before they leave their room, get on social media, or go to bed.

- Text or email your team before/after the session (whichever is best for your team) to send out the digital Acts 1:8 graphic to use as the lock screen or background on their phones.

**Throughout the Week:** Here are a few additional ideas if it makes sense for your group.

- Read the entire chapters of Acts 1 and John 15.
- Share with a family or friend how this session has moved you this week.
- Come to next week's meeting with Acts 1:8 memorized.
- Remind them to use the hashtag #makejesusknown or tag our team @pulse.movement and we will repost the content!
- Remind them that at the end of these four weeks, they are going to share the Gospel with someone.