



Mighty God

Warm-up

What is a special Christmas tradition that your family has? Is that something you enjoy or would like to change? Why?

The Word

In the series *His Name Will Be Exalted*, we have been looking at four names of Jesus as given in the Bible in Isaiah 9:6 – *For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

This week we are going to be looking at the name *Mighty God*.

- When you hear the name *Mighty God* what thoughts/images come to your mind? Why?

Today we are going to discuss 3 things we receive from Jesus' power:

1) Jesus' power is at work IN you.

Read Philippians 2:13

God's power is not to make our lives just easier, but to work in us and change us.

- How does the previous statement change the way you view God's power in your life?
- How will you be able to grow as a result of a clearer view on the purpose of God's power in your life?

2) Jesus' power is at work FOR you.

Read Isaiah 40:29-31

- After reading these verses where do you need to put your hope? What will happen in your life if you put your hope in Jesus?

God's power is at work in us to give us strength and power when we are weak.

Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

- What does the statement in these verses "*when I am weak, then I am strong*" mean to you now that you know Jesus' power is at work FOR you?

3) Jesus' power is at work THROUGH you.

The previous two things we discussed concerning Jesus' power were related to what we can receive. This final point is focused on how when we receive Jesus' power we should become focused on others.

Read Acts 1:8

- According to this verse, what was the purpose of God's power being given?
- Since we are given power to be witnesses of who Jesus is, what can we begin to do to make Him known to those with whom we come in contact?

Read 2 Corinthians 2:4-5

- After reading these verses, are you more confident or less confident in your ability to be a witness of who Jesus is? Why?

In 2 Corinthians 2:4-5, the Apostle Paul points out that it is not his knowledge or his power that changes people. It is the power of God that change people.

God wants to use ordinary people just like me and you to change this world when we are empowered by our *"Mighty God."*

- What is one thing that God has been speaking to you about that you need to step out and do during this Christmas season? How will that one thing, when empowered by the Holy Spirit, change someone's life?

Remember, Jesus' power is at work IN us, FOR us and THROUGH us when we trust in Him as the *"Mighty God."* Today is a great day to make sure that you are living committed to Jesus as Lord of your life. When you live for Him, then you will receive His power.

Prayer

Pray that God will stir within you a heart of desire to seek the Mighty God, Jesus, with honesty, a willingness to hear what He has to say, and then follow through on what He says to do.

40 Days of Relationships Prayer Focus

Please be in prayer for the upcoming 40 Days of Relationships series. Specifically pray:

- That we as a church body would allow the power of God to work through us by preparing us to build His Kingdom by reaching many people in the upcoming small groups.
- That each small group would be placed strategically by God in the days and times that will reach the most people effectively.