

If our gospel can't answer those questions, it doesn't feel like good news. On the other hand, if it does answer those longings, they will be much more likely to receive it—and share with others how God has impacted their lives.

### Both Power and Teaching

#### Acts 1:1 NLT

In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach.

#### Mark 16:19-20 NLT

19 When the Lord Jesus had finished talking with them, he was taken up into heaven and sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. 20 And the disciples went everywhere and preached, and the Lord worked through them, confirming what they said by many miraculous signs.

### Elijah

#### 2 Kings 6:14-17, NLT

14 So one night the king of Aram sent a great army with many chariots and horses to surround the city.

15 When the servant of the man of God got up early the next morning and went outside, there were troops, horses, and chariots everywhere. "Oh, sir, what will we do now?" the young man cried to Elisha.

16 "Don't be afraid!" Elisha told him. "For there are more on our side than on theirs!" 17 Then Elisha prayed, "O Lord, open his eyes and let him see!" The Lord opened the young man's eyes, and when he looked up, he saw that the hillside around Elisha was filled with horses and chariots of fire.

# Welcome!

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### Call to Worship

#### Worship

*Create in Me a Clean Heart  
I Love You, Lord  
Good, Good Father*

#### Message:

Encountered by the Holy Spirit  
Part 1: The Holy Spirit

#### Closing:

*Be Thou My Vision  
Micah 6:8*

### Gathering of Breaking Bread

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# The Holy Spirit

“See that three-legged stool? Take away one leg and what happens? If you’re sitting on it, you’ll fall over and you will be on the floor.”

Dr. Chuck Kraft

## Acts 1:8 NLT

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

## Matthew 10:1 NLT

Jesus called his twelve disciples together and gave them authority to cast out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and illness.

## Feast of Tabernacles

### John 7:37-38 ESV

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’”

### Isaiah 44:2-3 NLT

The Lord who made you and helps you says: **Do not be afraid, O Jacob, my servant, O dear Israel, my chosen one.** 3 For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.

## Joel 2:28 -29 NIV

“And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. 29 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

## Barna Research Group

Each generation must discover the gospel afresh for itself. What sounded like good news to previous generations often sounds like mediocre news to younger generations.

How older Christians explain the gospel often attempts to answer questions Millennials and teens just aren’t asking. Previous generations asked questions like “How do I get to heaven?” or “What do I do with my guilt?” while younger generations ask entirely different questions, like “What does it mean for me to thrive as a human being?”

A couple of factors influences this shift. One is anxiety. Millennials and Gen Z have higher levels of anxiety than any other generation. According to Dr. Betsy Nesbit, such high levels of anxiety put them in a constant state of “fight or flight”—and as a result, young people have a hard time thinking too far in the future. Like a hiker in front of a bear who’s not thinking about that project due next week or their plans for retirement, for many young people questions like “What happens after I die?” simply aren’t relevant. Yet.

A second reason they are asking different questions is that Western culture is slowly making a shift from a guilt-and-innocence culture to a shame-and-honor culture. The difference between shame and guilt is subtle yet profound. If you make a mistake in a guilt culture, it’s just that: a mistake. If you make a mistake in a shame culture, you are the mistake.

A shame culture asks different questions from a guilt culture—and the gospel speaks differently to a shame culture than it does to a guilt culture. Teens and young adults are asking where they belong, how they are significant, how to deal with anxiety, what to do with their loneliness.