**“Better Than We Had Hoped – Pt 8”**

**May-18/19, 2024**

**Speaker: Marvin Enriquez**

**Opening:** [15 mins] We suggest you begin with an opening prayer and then a brief “catch up” or “icebreaker” before moving into the *scripture reflection* and *application questions*.

**Scripture Reflection:** [20 mins]Read **Acts 1:4-9.** After allowing the group time to reflect on the passage, ask them to share what most stands out to them.

**Application Questions:** [40 mins](*These questions will help you and your group dig deeper into the weekend sermon. Feel free to edit or use only those which fit your allotted time.)*

1. Marvin said, *“The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to serve (through the gifts of the Spirit).”*
	1. In what ways have you seen the Holy Spirit give you greater power to serve? Have you ever stopped to reflect on which gifts of the Spirit – listed in Scripture –you have been given? Why or why not?
2. Marvin taught, *“One of the primary works of the Holy Spirit in our lives is that he gives us power to live lives that are cleansed and free from sin.”*
	1. How have you experienced the help of the Holy Spirit in your life in growing your desires away from sin and towards holiness?
3. Marvin shared, *“The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to live on mission; primarily that mission is to share the Gospel.”*
	1. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit’s help in sharing the Gospel with others? What did his help look like? What was your part?
4. Marvin said, *“The Holy Spirit gives us Greater power to love others: friends, neighbors and even enemies (and according to 1 Cor 13, loving others is foundational in our lives).”*
	1. How has the Holy Spirit helped you to love others, primarily the unlovable or enemies? Why do you think God gave us the call to love others, even enemies?

**Closing & Prayer**: [15 mins]

* Have each person in your group share a prayer request, and then have someone pray.
* Pray for Holy Spirit fruitfulness in the people of CA.
* Pray for those who made first-time commitments or recommitments to Jesus at Easter.