

Biblical Literature II—New Testament

Lesson 3.4 “Jesus’ Disciples: Empowered by God” Worksheet

Name:

Hour:

Jesus had been teaching his disciples for about three years. Toward the end of his earthly ministry, he had tried to prepare them for what was about to happen to him—his capture, conviction, and crucifixion. Although they didn’t fully understand what was to come, Jesus’ predictions troubled the disciples. In this section Jesus speaks to his disciples for the last time before his death. It is Maundy Thursday, and he has just given them the gift of his Holy Supper. Now we see Jesus comforting his disciples and encouraging them in the mission they are to carry out after his death. It is [extraordinary work by ordinary people](#) (Click on the link to see an illustration of how God can take the “ordinary” and change it into the “extraordinary”). But Jesus will empower them to do what he has called them to do.

[John 14:5,6](#)

1. Explain how Jesus is “the way and the truth and the life.”

[John 14:10](#)

2. How could the disciples know that everything Jesus said to them was the truth?
3. Because the disciples knew that what Jesus had told them was the truth, what could they confidently do after he ascended into heaven?

[John 14:16,17](#)

4. What powerful gift would Jesus’ disciples have?
5. How would the disciples recognize this gift?

John 14:26

6. How would the Counselor empower the disciples?

John 16:13

7. What only would the Spirit speak?

John 14:19

8. With what comforting promise does Jesus leave his disciples?

John 16:20-22

9. What promise does Jesus give his disciples regarding the grief they would soon experience?

John 16:33

10. What promise does Jesus give his disciples regarding the troubles they would soon experience?

John 17:11,15,17-19

11. What does Jesus ask his Father on behalf of his disciples?

John 17:24

12. Finally, what does Jesus ask his Father to do for his disciples?

Something to think about:

13. What is meant by the following statements?

a. “People don’t save us, but we couldn’t be saved without people.”

b. “The Holy Spirit doesn’t save us, but we couldn’t be saved without the Holy Spirit.”

14. The Holy Spirit gives different gifts to different disciples.

a. Read [Romans 12:4-8](#) and list the gifts that are given.

1)

2)

3)

4)

5)

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b. Read [1 Corinthians 12:8-10](#) and list the gifts that are given in addition to the ones in [Romans 12:4-8](#).

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c. Read [Ephesians 4:11](#) and list the gifts that are given in addition to the ones in Romans and I Corinthians.

1)

2)

3)

14. Click on the following website, read through the **Introduction** and test information, and then take the [Youth Spiritual Gifts Test](#). After you click on “Submit Test for Analysis” do the following:

a. Take a “Screen Shot” of your results page. We will deal with the “Screen Shot” later.

b. List your top four gifts and then find out what the gifts mean and summarize your findings.

My top Four Spiritual Gifts Are:	Summarize the meaning of these Spiritual Gifts:
1.	
2.	
3.	
4.	

c. Tell me why you agree with the test results or why you don't agree.

d. Take the “Screen Shot” of your results and show it to two (2) of your friends. Have them answer the following statement and bring back their answers and record their responses below. **Choose friends who are not in this classroom!**

“Friends, this is your assignment—share why you think the listed gifts are or could be your friend or why they don’t apply to your friend.”

Friend 1’s responses were...

Friend 2’s responses were...

Click on the following link [“Results of Spiritual Gift Survey and my friend’s responses”](#) and supply the asked for information.