



I LOVE MY CONNECT

STUDY 3

Pioneer Again: Part III

Acts 1:4-8, Isaiah 43:10, Jeremiah 29:11-13

God thinks on a different scale than we do. While our thoughts and dreams are often limited by our immediate circumstances, God's plans and thoughts have always been about reaching the ends of the earth. God can do big things with someone who has a heart to serve him and pioneer his gospel, amazingly even us ordinary, broken people.

God's thoughts for us are good – for peace, for hope, for a future with him and he pours out his Spirit on us for our good. The Holy Spirit does something explosive in our lives. With the Holy Spirit we receive the promises of God and are witnesses to his wonderful works. When we face opposition, we depend on his strength and in the Holy Spirit we experience all that God has in his heart for us.

Through his Spirit, God gives us a new law, new language, and new land. When we operate in the Holy Spirit we are no longer under the law of sin and death, but instead the law of his life. The Holy Spirit unifies us and gives us a new language. As we understand the power of the Holy Spirit, we see the marvelous works of God in our lives, extend the boundaries of the possible, and by depending on him we are empowered to invade the realms of the impossible – reaching the ends of the earth with his gospel.

We live thankful for the promise of our almighty God fulfilled through his Spirit in our lives. May God ignite his wonderful works in our lives, leading us to dream the impossible, taking new territory in Jesus name. Let us be stirred to pioneer again – believing God through the power of the Holy Spirit to continue to do the impossible in our lives as we give him all the glory.

CONNECTION AND ACTION Use these questions to promote conversation and connection.

ICEBREAKER: Share a time when you struggled to speak with someone because of a language barrier. How did you overcome this to interact and communicate what needed to be said?

- Q:** What comes to mind when you think of an explosion?
- Q:** Think of someone you know whose life has been radically changed by the “explosive” power of the Holy Spirit. What impossible things has God done through them?
- Q:** What ordinary or broken areas in your life would you like to see the Holy Spirit ignite? What areas in the lives of the people you love?
- Q:** Share some of the “wonderful works” you have seen God accomplish in your life and the lives of others.
- Q:** What things in this world or your life seem to be in the “realm of the impossible”? What are you hoping the explosive power of the Holy Spirit can do in these areas?

HIGHLIGHTS COMING UP

- **EASTER WEEKEND** – Who can you invite to church during this powerful weekend!! From our Good Friday services (joining in Communion) to our Resurrection Sunday services (with Jay John Sunday night), we will be celebrating the Cross = Love message of Jesus. See myhillsong.com/easter for service times and everything you need to know.

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BIBLE AND BELIEF Use these questions and scriptures to help believers develop a biblical worldview.

Read: Jeremiah 29:11-13, Psalm 139

- Q:** How are God's thoughts different than ours?
- Q:** What activities and thoughts does God do these verses say he engages in that would be physically impossible for a human?
- Q:** How does understanding God's thoughts and heart toward you change what you believe to be possible?
- Q:** Think of examples of "hurtful" thoughts we may have in our human experience and the corresponding "everlasting" ways of thinking God invites us to have (**Psalm 139:23-24**).
- Q:** Identify mindsets, thoughts, language that you are believing God's Holy Spirit to make new in your life and in our world?

GROWING LEADERSHIP Use these questions to help people in your group grow as leaders.

- Q:** What marvelous works have you seen God accomplish in team?
- Q:** What "impossibilities" or challenges have people on your teams expressed? How can you and the Holy Spirit help breath new sight, thinking and realities in these situations?
- Q:** In leading teams, are there areas under your care that you have you tried to manage in your own strength? What resulted from functioning your own strength?
- Q:** Are there currently areas in your life, leadership and teams that need an "explosion" of the Holy Spirit?

Strategising

Spend time identifying what seem to be impossibilities within our teams and the ultimate advancement of God's Kingdom on earth. Pray for the Holy Spirit to "explode" and take new territory.

PRAY TOGETHER

- Decisions for Jesus in our Easter Services
- Hillsong LA

PASTORAL CARE

- We have a pastoral care team at church to walk alongside people in your group who may be going through a tough time
- Please contact the church office Sydney 02 8853 5353, Melbourne 03 9720 2099, Brisbane 07 3422 8500 or Newcastle 02 4927 1888 to let us know of anybody in your group (with their permission) who have sickness, death of a loved one, marriage challenges, surgeries.

NATION BUILDERS – ON MISSION

One of the best ways we can make a difference as a connect is to regularly PRAY for the Nation Builders causes we support, and regularly inspire your group to receive your Nation Builders offering. Your giving makes a massive difference in helping us 'reach and influencing the world'.

Hillsong Church, Keiv & Moscow

Please take the time in your group to pray for our church in Kiev and Moscow at this time of global uncertainty. Let's pray for peace in this region and for wisdom for the governments involved. Please pray for our Pastors and our people in both Moscow and Kiev, that they will continue to focus on Jesus and that the church will go from strength to strength in these challenging times.

