



## Power for Missions/Ministry

### **The Lectio Divina Way**

Lectio Divina is Latin for “divine reading” or “sacred reading”. It’s origins go back to the 6th Century Benedict of Nursia and has continued to be used as a spiritual practice. The passage is read three times with a pause in between to reflect, pray or journal. In this guide you will find **suggested** prompts to go with each pause.

### **A Little About the Passage**

What empowers us is the Holy Spirit. He empowers us in all things including our witness and ministry. There’s a certain order given in this passage. Receiving the power of the Holy Spirit and then being His witness. The Holy Spirit will empower us to be that witness within our own communities and beyond the borders we’re accustomed to. He brings effectiveness in the ministry He calls us to and victory for us in the face of temptations.

### **Acts 1:8**

**8** but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and Samaria, and as far as the remotest part of the earth."

### **Prompts for Prayer, Journaling or Conversation**

#### **Read (lectio)**

- Read scripture/passage once without stopping.
- Take notice of what stands out to you? A phrase, word, or image.

#### **Reflect (meditatio)**

- Read the scripture/passage a second time.
- Consider what you are leaning on for strength in ministry or missions.

#### **Respond (oratio)**

- Read the scripture/passage a third time.
- Consider what your relationship is with the Holy Spirit and how that impacts your witness.

#### **Rest (contemplatio)**

- What do you feel or think?
- Notice the posture of your heart.
- What do you want to express to God at this moment?