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SCAN HERE FOR
THIS WEEK'S
DEVOTIONAL

- God's Power in Action -

Ice-Breaker:

- Share a time in your life when you experienced God's power in action.

Discussion:

1. Read Matthew 2:1-4, 7-8, and 16.

- By what was Herod deeply disturbed?
- What are some differences between God's power and human power?
- Why do we tend to rely on our own power rather than God's power?

Christmas Is God's Power In Action!

The power of God reveals the presence of God and brings the peace of God to your life.

2. Read 1 Corinthians 4:20 and I Corinthians 2:5

- Why is it easier to talk about God's power than to rely on God's power?
- What things keep us from experiencing God's power?

3. Read Isaiah 40:28-29 and II Corinthians 12:9

- Why do some people try to ration God's power by only asking for His power for 'big' jobs?
- When does God's power work best? Why is that?
- What are the biggest benefits and biggest fears about boasting of one's weaknesses?

How Do I Access God's Power?

1. ADMIT MY NEED. Read 1 Peter 5:6.

- Why is it so important to admit our need for God's power?

2. PLUG INTO GOD (or STAY CONNECTED). Read John 15:5.

- Jesus tells us we will produce much fruit if we "remain in Him," so why do believers often unplug from God and follow their own agendas?
- How might someone plug into God and stay connected? Give examples.

3. STEP OUT IN FAITH. Read Hebrews 11:1 and I Corinthians 2:5

- State the definition of faith found in Hebrews 11:1 in your own words.
- What is an example of waiting for God's power *before* taking action?
- How might people determine if they are using their own power or are having faith in God's power?

Personal Application:

- What might you do this week to increase your faith and rely on God's power instead of your own?