

STUDENT SERMON STUDY GUIDE - May 24, 2026

Spiritual Authority: Restored In Christ — Each Has a Work and a Fire

Based on the message by Chad Everett

OVERVIEW

In this message, Chad Everett teaches that every believer has been given both a God-given assignment and the fire of the Holy Spirit to help accomplish it. Jesus warned His followers not to become spiritually asleep, distracted, fearful, or consumed by lesser storylines. Instead, believers are called to stay awake spiritually, remain prayerful, walk faithfully in their assignment, and stay dependent on the Holy Spirit.

This message explores what it means to live prepared for the return of Jesus while faithfully doing the work God has given. Chad explains that the “fire” of God is not simply emotion or hype, but the active work of the Holy Spirit empowering, leading, strengthening, correcting, and refining believers.

The Christian life is not passive. Every believer has a purpose, a responsibility, and a calling from God. But believers cannot fulfill God’s work in their own strength. They need both the authority Jesus gives and the power of the Holy Spirit working within them.

This message also challenges believers to honestly evaluate what is shaping their lives. Are we distracted by entertainment, culture, fear, comparison, and comfort? Or are we building our lives around Jesus and His Kingdom?

“Each has a work and each has a fire.”

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Read → Respond → Reflect

- Open your Bible
- Let Scripture answer the questions
- Be honest instead of giving “church answers”
- Ask God to reveal what needs to change in your life

This study is not just about understanding spiritual authority.

It’s about whether you are actually walking with Jesus, depending on the Holy Spirit, and faithfully doing what God has called you to do.

SECTION 1 — TAKE HEED, WATCH, AND PRAY

Focus

Jesus calls believers to stay spiritually awake and prayerful while waiting for His return.

READ

Mark 13:32–37, Luke 18:1

RESPOND

1. According to Mark 13:33–37, what instructions does Jesus repeatedly give His followers?
2. What warning does Jesus give about being found spiritually asleep?
3. According to Luke 18:1, what does Jesus say believers should continually do?
4. What does this verse suggest continual prayer helps protect believers from?
5. Why do you think prayer is important for staying spiritually awake and focused on Jesus?

REFLECT

- What currently gets most of my attention, focus, and emotional energy?
- What habits or distractions are slowly dulling my spiritual life?
- Do I spend more time listening to culture, entertainment, and social media than listening to God?
- This week, intentionally create space each day for prayer and time in Scripture without distractions.

Further Scripture Reading

Matthew 24:42–44, 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11, Colossians 4:2

SECTION 2 — EVERY BELIEVER HAS A WORK

Focus

God gives every believer purpose, responsibility, and Kingdom work to accomplish.

READ

Mark 13:34, John 5:36, Luke 2:49

RESPOND

1. According to Mark 13:34, what did the master give his servants to do?

2. According to John 5:36, how did Jesus describe the works the Father gave Him?
3. What does Luke 2:49 reveal about Jesus' priorities?
4. What do these passages teach about living with purpose and assignment?
5. Based on Jesus' example, why is faithfully finishing the work God gives us important?

REFLECT

- What things in my life compete with God's purpose for me?
- Am I living intentionally or mostly just drifting through life?
- What gifts, opportunities, or responsibilities has God already placed in front of me?
- This week, ask God to help you recognize one specific area where He wants you to serve, grow, or obey.

Further Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:10, Colossians 3:23–24, Romans 12:4–8

SECTION 3 — AUTHORITY FOR THE ASSIGNMENT

Focus

Jesus gives believers authority and power to accomplish the work He calls them to do.

READ

Mark 13:34, Acts 1:8, Luke 10:19

RESPOND

1. According to Acts 1:8, what did Jesus say believers would receive from the Holy Spirit?
2. What authority did Jesus say He gave His followers in Luke 10:19?
3. What kinds of spiritual opposition or resistance does Jesus mention in Luke 10:19?
4. Why would believers need both spiritual authority and the power of the Holy Spirit to fulfill God's work?
5. What happens when believers try to do God's work in their own strength instead of depending on God?

REFLECT

- Where do I tend to rely on myself more than God?
- What fears or pressures make me hesitant to fully obey God?
- Do I actually believe God can work through my life right now?
- This week, pray specifically for God to help you depend on His strength instead of your own ability.

Further Scripture Reading

Ephesians 6:10–18, 2 Corinthians 10:3–5, James 4:7

SECTION 4 — EACH HAS A FIRE

Focus

The Holy Spirit empowers, leads, strengthens, and refines believers.

READ

Acts 2:1–4, 1 Thessalonians 5:19

RESPOND

1. What happened when the Holy Spirit came in Acts 2?
2. What details show that the Holy Spirit came personally upon each believer?
3. What warning does Paul give in 1 Thessalonians 5:19?
4. Why do believers need the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in their lives?
5. What are some ways believers can resist or ignore the Holy Spirit's work?

REFLECT

- Have I treated the Holy Spirit like a feeling instead of a real relationship with God?
- Are there areas of my life where I know God has been convicting or correcting me?
- What helps me stay spiritually sensitive to God's voice?
- This week, spend time asking the Holy Spirit to show you areas where He wants to grow or change you.

Further Scripture Reading

John 14:16–18, Romans 8:14, Galatians 5:16–25

SECTION 5 — STAY IN THE FIRE AND FINISH WELL

Focus

God wants believers to endure faithfully and build lives that last eternally.

READ

1 Corinthians 3:10–15, Philippians 3:12–14

RESPOND

1. According to 1 Corinthians 3, what will happen to each person's work?
2. What is the difference between work that lasts and work that is burned up?
3. How does Paul describe his attitude toward pursuing Christ in Philippians 3?

4. What do these passages teach about perseverance and endurance?
5. What kind of life and work will endure through God's testing fire?

REFLECT

- What am I building my life around right now?
- Are there things I'm pursuing that won't matter eternally?
- What areas of my character or priorities may God be trying to refine?
- This week, honestly evaluate one area of your life that needs to become more centered on Jesus.

Further Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1–2, James 1:2–4, Malachi 3:2–3, 2 Timothy 4:7–8

FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

Jesus is coming again. But this message is not about fear, panic, or obsession with signs. It's about faithfulness.

God has given every believer:

- a work to accomplish,
- authority for the assignment,
- and the fire of the Holy Spirit to help them endure faithfully.

The world will constantly compete for your attention, identity, priorities, and worship. But Jesus calls believers to stay spiritually awake, remain prayerful, depend on the Holy Spirit, and faithfully walk in the work God has given them to do.

You do not have to live distracted, passive, or spiritually asleep.

God has given you purpose.

God has given you His Spirit.

God can use your life right now.

Stay awake.

Stay faithful.

Stay in the fire.