



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Empowered
Suggested Week of Use: June 9, 2024
Core Passage: Acts 2:5-16,36-38

News Story Summary

Earlier this year, the United States Department of Energy released a report indicating that geothermal energy, produced from the heat deep beneath the Earth's surface, could increase exponentially in future years. As a result, geothermal power could play a key role in providing clean energy to the United States and beyond.

Enough geothermal energy potential exists below the planet's surface to provide power for the entire world many times over. In the past, limitations created by the need for deep drilling and the upfront cost of building power plants have kept the energy sector from taking advantage of this natural resource. However, experts believe that advances in drilling technology and exploration could drive the price down and make it a cost-competitive way to provide power for millions of people all over the world by 2050.

For more about this story, search "Geothermal Liftoff Report."

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, give each adult a piece of paper and pen. Instruct them to make a list of the top ten energy sources in the world. After a few minutes, allow some volunteers to share their answers. Provide the correct answers, in order from one to ten: oil or petroleum; natural gas; coal; nuclear; solar; biofuel; wind; geothermal; hydropower; and biomass. Note that of these energy sources, one might be moving up the list quickly in the coming years. Read the information about geothermal power production increasing in future decades. Talk about why geothermal energy might be an attractive way to produce power. Say: *Power is important in every area of our lives, including spiritually. In this session, we will discuss a source of incalculable power that is available to all believers.*

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, review the information about geothermal energy research and production. Ask: *How might this kind of energy illustrate the power of the Holy Spirit at work in believers' lives?* Point out that the Spirit's power has an eternal purpose—to point people to Jesus. Close in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to empower adults as they seek to be salt and light in their spheres of influence.