

# Group Discussion Guide

Week of September 12, 2021

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## Life Abundantly – In the Holy Spirit

### GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share a time when you were so excited you couldn't contain yourself.
- Did you create that feeling of excitement within yourself or did it just happen as a result of something that took place in your life?

### QUICK REVIEW

Looking over your notes from this past teaching... was there anything you heard for the first time, caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

### MAIN POINT

Jesus desires to give us life abundantly which comes through being filled with the Holy Spirit.

### DIGGING INTO THE WORD

**Read** – Galatians 5:16 – (ESV) *But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.*

- What is the progression explained here... which is first, and which is second?
- Do you think it is possible to... not gratify the desires of the flesh... without first... walking by the Holy Spirit?
- Have you ever tried to make yourself stop doing some sort of sin?
- Why is it so hard to make ourselves stop doing or thinking sinful things?
  
- What is the action that is taught here? (*walk by the Spirit*)
- What is the effect of the action? (*you will not gratify the desires of the flesh*)
  
- What happens if we get this backwards... we try to stop gratifying the desires of the flesh... SO THAT... we can walk by the Spirit?

**Pastor Nate shared his desire for our church to be 100% empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

- If you were to guess, what percentage of your life do you think is empowered by the Holy Spirit?
- What is the possibility that most, if not all, of your struggles in life have to do with the fact that you are not being empowered by the Holy Spirit?

**Read** – John 7:37-39

**Jesus describes an experience of RIVERS (literally “TORRENTS”) of LIVING WATER... GUSHING... out of a person’s life.**

- Do you feel like this is an accurate description of your life?
- If not, what do you think is the issue that is preventing this reality in your life?
- What is your major goal in life as far as what kind of life you would like to experience?
- How does the world tell you that you can get this kind of life you want?
- How does God’s word give you a different perspective?
- If you look at your current life, how much of your life is following the world’s advice on how to gain this life you want vs. what God’s word teaches you?
- What would need to change in your life in order for you to experience the LIFE ABUNDANTLY that Jesus desires to give you?
- Are you willing to make these changes?

**Read** – Luke 11:13

- How does Jesus teach us to experience the filling of the Holy Spirit?
- Why do you think God made the process so simple?

**Read** – Ephesians 5:18

**“BE FILLED” is literally, “BE BEING FILLED” ... it is a continual experience.**

- Why do you think it is necessary for us to continually be filled with the Spirit?

## TAKING IT HOME

- Take some time together to ask for the Father to fill you with His Spirit.

## PRAISE & PRAYER REQUESTS