

Group Discussion Guide

Week of October 8, 2023

Be Filled – Ephesians 5:18

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

- Share something you find challenging yet enjoyable and/or rewarding.
- How did you come to enjoy this challenging thing?

MAIN POINT

Better to be filled with the Holy Spirit, than anything else in the world.

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?

DIGGING INTO THE WORD

- In your past, what have been some non-sinful, temporary things of this world, you have turned to, to fill a void you feel like you are experiencing?
- What is the danger of looking to the temporary things of this world to fill the voids we experience in ourselves?
- Have you ever felt like you HAD TO HAVE something of this world to make it through life?

Read – Ephesians 5:18

- Why do you think the Apostle Paul picked “**drunk with wine**” as the thing to contrast with “**being filled with the Holy Spirit**”?
- How is being filled with the Holy Spirit different than being drunk?
- Besides alcohol, what are some other things that impair our judgment in life?

- Why do you think God doesn't fill every believer with the power of the Holy Spirit once for all time?
- What has been your history and experience regarding your understanding of who the Holy Spirit is and what He does in our lives?
- What is the difference between, God FREEING a person from sin, and a person TRYING to quit sinning?
- Has God ever FREED you from something sinful? How did He do it?
- What is the danger of trying to just STOP doing a negative thing, without replacing it with a POSITIVE thing?

PRAISE REPORTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Consider offering to pray for the anyone who feels the need for a filling of the Holy Spirit.
- Also, ask for any prayer requests that anyone may have.

*****Remember to create a prayer request journal where you will write down the prayer requests and the corresponding praise reports*****