

Talk 4: A people of the Spirit

Overview

Last Sunday we looked at the final outworking of our first value which was that we are a people of the Spirit. This statement is a hugely significant one that the people of God longed for before Christ. Throughout the Old Testament we see that the way God the Spirit worked was that he would come upon specific people, at specific times for specific reasons. From Samson to David, Ezekiel to Malachi all the heroes of the Old Testament only knew the visitation of the Spirit, temporary empowerment and longed for a day where the Spirit of God would permanently dwell with his people. We now live in the age of the Spirit, where In Christ we become temples of the Spirit, where he lives in us but we also can experience his power on a daily basis. The call of God over all of us to be continue to be filled with the Spirit, Walk by the Spirit and be empowered by the Spirit.

Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-21

Questions

1. What obstacles and challenges do you personally face when it comes to being filled with the Spirit?
2. Why do you think verses 15-17 precede Paul's encouragement for us to be filled with the Spirit? How can we grow at living these out?
3. Why do you think Paul contrasts in verse 18 been drunk on wine with being filled with the Spirit?
4. How can we grow at ongoingly being filled with the Spirit?
5. Why do you think verses 19-21 are important for us as a Spirit filled people and how can we grow in them?