

**Sermon Notes and Discussion Questions:
Life in the Spirit - Discerning Him
(Acts 6, Eph 5:17-20, Romans 12:1-2)**

The sermon opened with an illustration of surrendering out of fear versus surrendering our will in trust. Sometimes we surrender out of fear, other times we surrender our will in trust. What is the difference? As we seek to discern the will of God, it starts with learning to be filled with the Holy Spirit, leads to an understanding of worship and results in an understanding of His will.

1. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit? (Notice Act 6-7)

To be filled with the Spirit is to be controlled by the Spirit. Stephen was under its influence. He went where the Spirit sent him. He spoke when and what the Spirit directed him. The Holy Spirit was not just a theological position for Stephen, but a day to day reality.

Why does Paul contrast “being filled” with “being drunk” in Eph. 5:18?

2. Learn to worship (Eph. 5:19-21)

In these verses how would you describe what worship in the Holy Spirit should look like?

What is the difference between psalms, hymns, and songs?

What would this difference look like in a modern context?

Read verse 21; How does this look in a church focused on the Holy Spirit?

3. Understand His Will (Eph. 5:17-18; Romans 12:1-2)

Learn to pray

Describe your prayer life. It is a strength or weakness?

Learn His Word

To understand His Will you must know His Word. How is this demonstrated in Acts 7?

Get your life right

How is your life currently a living sacrifice?

Get your heart right

Is there something that you need to confess right now?

Get you mind right

How does what you focus on, change your perspective?

The Holy Spirit desires to do a work in your life and His Church. What needs to change before this can occur? What can you do as an individual to facilitate the power of the Holy Spirit in our Church?