

Sermon Notes

Big Idea: What kind of church is Manna Church? We believe strong families make strong churches. We equip people to change their world. We believe outreach is the heartbeat of church. We passionately pursue God's Presence. We believe life change happens in relationships. We are THAT Church.

BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Parable of 'The Chocolate Conference'

'Be filled with The Holy Spirit' Eph 5:18

- A mandate, a command, from Jesus, the owner of the Church
- A posture toward the Holy Spirit, a lifestyle of being surrendered to the Person and ministries of the Holy Spirit [NOT defined or limited by a form, an experience or certain behaviors]

Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us to:

- **LIVE** a genuine Christian Life
You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses... (Acts 1:8)
- Experience increased **VICTORY** in warfare (Luke 4:1)
- Leave our **COMFORT** zones (Acts 2:1-4)
- **SEE** more clearly what God is doing. (Peter in Acts 2:14ff)
- Overcome **FEAR** of promised and expected pain and persecution (Acts 4:29-35)
- **BREAK THROUGH** spiritual 'lids'/limitations (Acts 8:9-17)
- Walk in greater **SPIRITUAL FREEDOM**
- **EQUIP** future world changers. (Ananias and Saul in Acts 9)

We can ASK to be Filled with the Holy Spirit

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who **ASK** him!" Luke 11:13

Discussion Questions

- 1) What impacted you the most from this week's message? Encouraged you? Challenged you?
- 2) Read Ephesians 5:18. What was your previous understanding of "Being Filled with The Holy Spirit" before this sermon? How has it change after hearing this?
- 3) Of all of the things that The Holy Spirit EMPOWERS us to do, which have you experienced most frequently? Which are you asking Him to do in your life next?
- 4) When's the last time you asked the Holy Spirit to fill you? What was your experience?