

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

Acts 2:1-13

The Spirit is promised (1:5)

God keeps His promises.

The Spirit fills believers (2:1-4)

The Spirit dwells with you, but has He filled you?

- **Baptism with the Spirit** - refers to the initial pouring out of the Holy Spirit in a new way around the time of Pentecost in which every believer participates in through faith.
- **Indwelling of the Spirit** - describes the permanent presence of the Holy Spirit in the life of every believer.
- **Filling with the Spirit** - refers to time(s) when the Spirit's power and presence is expressed in increasing measure in the life of a believer for the purpose of living more like Christ and accomplishing more for Christ.

The effect of the Spirit is obvious (5-11)

The Spirit dwells with you. Can you (or others) see Him in you?

The Spirit's work can be accepted or rejected (12-13)

The Spirit dwells with you. Do you want Him to fill you?

How to be filled with the Holy Spirit:

ASK God to fill you with the Spirit. (Luke 11:13)

OPEN your life through confession, submission, obedience. (Eph. 5:8)

WAIT to be filled with the Spirit in God's timing and in God's way. (Ps. 130:5-6)

***The Spirit is given to you. Are you given to Him?**

Discussion Guide

Open Up

- Who was the person that simply their presence made your team or group better? What was it about them?
- Before this message what had been your understanding of "baptism in the Holy Spirit?" What about "filling of the Holy Spirit?"
- Have you known people who have claimed to have been baptized in the Holy Spirit or filled with the Holy Spirit? How would they describe it?

Dig In

- Have you ever had an event(s) of a large step of growth in your Christian walk? Describe the experience.
- In what ways have you experienced the Holy Spirit's work in your life?
- **Read** the following passages and describe the effect of the filling of the Holy Spirit: Acts 2:4; 4:31; 7:55; 9:17; 11:24; 13:9-12, 52.
- How many times in the previous passages did the filling of the Spirit serve to advance the mission of God and the gospel?

Live Out

- If we were to ask your spouse, coworkers, and friends, would they be able to give examples of the Spirit's work in your life?
- List three names of people you know in the places you live, work, and play who do not yet follow Jesus and need to see the work of the Spirit.
- Do you plan to pursue being filled with the Spirit in a more significant way this week / month / year? List which of the steps of being filled with the Spirit you plan to work on this week. What will you do to accomplish this? How can we as a group support you in this?
- **PRAY** for the Spirit to reveal to you what you need to confess / yield / pursue in order to be open to His filling.
- **PRAY** together to the Spirit to fill us!

What is Jesus saying to you? • What is your next step?

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