

Discipleship Guide

Sermon: Filled | Pentecost Speaker: Pastor John Zayas

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Small Group Guide: Filled With The Spirit

Opening Prayer: Begin by inviting the Holy Spirit into your gathering. Ask for His guidance and presence as you discuss the sermon.

Key Takeaways

- 1. The Trinity works together: The Father's love, the Son's grace, and the Holy Spirit's fellowship.
- 2. Obedience to Christ's commands opens the door to the Holy Spirit.
- 3. The Holy Spirit empowers believers to share the gospel and speak to people unlike themselves.
- 4. No sin is too great for God's grace and the Holy Spirit's transformative power.
- 5. The Holy Spirit intercedes for us and goes deep into our hearts.

Discussion Questions

1. Pastor Van shared a personal story about calling on God in a dangerous situation. Have you ever experienced a moment where you desperately called out to God?

How did He respond?

- 2. The sermon emphasized that we can't disqualify ourselves from God's love and grace. How does this truth impact your view of yourself and others?
- 3. How do you understand the role of the Holy Spirit in your life? Has this sermon changed or expanded your perspective?
- 4. The pastor mentioned that the Holy Spirit gives us "street smarts" spiritually. Can you share an example of how the Holy Spirit has guided you away from danger or towards wisdom?
- 5. What does it mean to you that the Holy Spirit intercedes for us "with groanings too deep for words" (Romans 8:26)?
- 6. How can we cultivate a deeper fellowship with the Holy Spirit in our daily lives?

Practical Applications:

- 1. This week, set aside time each day to specifically invite the Holy Spirit into your life and decisions.
- 2. Identify an area where you feel "disqualified" or ashamed. Write down biblical truths that counter these feelings and meditate on them.
- 3. Practice listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Keep a journal of moments where you sense His leading.
- 4. Choose one person unlike yourself (different background, beliefs, etc.) and pray for an opportunity to share God's love with them this week.
- 5. Memorize Romans 8:26-27 as a reminder of the Holy Spirit's intercessory role in your life.

Closing Prayer: Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit. Ask for boldness to obey His promptings and for a deeper experience of His presence in your daily life.

5-Day Devotionals

Day 1: The Father's Love

Reading: John 3:16-21

Devotional: God's love is the foundation of our faith. Just as the transcription emphasized that "The father's love" is a key aspect of our relationship with God, today's reading reminds us of the depth of that love. God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son for our salvation. Reflect on how this divine love has manifested in your life. Where have you seen evidence of God's love, even in difficult circumstances? How can you extend this love to others, especially those who may be hard to love? Remember, God's love is not dependent on our actions, but is freely given. Let this truth transform how you view yourself and others today.

Day 2: Grace Abounds

Reading: Romans 5:1-11

Devotional: The transcription emphasized that "grace abounds" and is "sufficient" for us. Today's reading explores the concept of God's grace further. Through Jesus, we have access to God's grace, which gives us peace with God and hope for the future. Even in our weaknesses and sins, God's grace is more than enough. Reflect on areas in your life where you feel inadequate or unworthy. How can you allow God's grace to fill those spaces? Remember, as the pastor said, "Grace is bigger. Grace abounds. Grace is enough." Let this truth empower you to live boldly for Christ today, knowing that His grace covers all.

Day 3: The Power of the Holy Spirit

Reading: Acts 2:1-21

Devotional: On Pentecost, the disciples received the Holy Spirit, empowering them to speak in other languages and boldly proclaim the gospel. The transcription emphasized the importance of the Holy Spirit in our lives, describing it as the "fellowship" that "keeps everything together." Today, reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in your life. Are you allowing the Spirit to empower you, guide you, and transform you? Remember, as

the pastor said, "The Holy Spirit gives you street smarts" in spiritual matters. Ask God to fill you anew with His Spirit today, and be open to how He might want to use you to reach others with His love.

Day 4: Overcoming Through Christ

Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: The transcription shared powerful testimonies of God's faithfulness in difficult situations, including imprisonment and dangerous circumstances. Today's reading reminds us that nothing can separate us from God's love. In your own trials and challenges, remember that you are "more than a conqueror" through Christ. Reflect on a current struggle in your life. How can you apply the truth of this passage to that situation? Remember the pastor's words: "Even if I was in a six foot six jail cell, I was free. I was walking with Jesus." Let this perspective transform how you view your circumstances today.

Day 5: Called to Share the Gospel

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Devotional: The transcription emphasized that receiving the Holy Spirit should lead us to "go out and make disciples and share the gospel." Today's reading, known as the Great Commission, echoes this call. As believers, we are all called to share the good news of Jesus with others. Reflect on opportunities you have to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about God's love? Remember, as the pastor said, "The more you share about Jesus, the closer you get to the fellowship of the Holy Spirit." Ask God for boldness and wisdom to share His love with someone today, trusting that He will equip you for this task.