

# Main Street Church - Life Group Guide

**Series:** Make Room: Creating Space for the Spirit to Work

**Message:** Part III – How to be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

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## Connect (30min)

- 1. Spring-Cleaning** – On a scale of 1-10 (loathe it to love it) how much do you enjoy *Spring-Cleaning*?  
What is one of the key things on your *Spring-Cleaning* list this year?
- 2. Tool Time** – What is one of your favorite household tools? What is one tool that you wish you had this season?  
Have you ever tried to do a job/task, but lacked the right tools to do it? Briefly share your story.

## Message Discussion (35min)

### 1. Message Feedback

- a. Read [☞ Ephesians 3:14-21](#) and open with prayer.
- b. How was your awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence this past week?
- c. What jumped out at you from Sunday's message? What thoughts or questions did you walk away with?
- d. What would you do if you saw someone you love doing something that you knew there was a much easier way to do it?

### 2. Three Baptisms

\*What were the *Three Baptisms* available to all believers that Shawn taught us about?

- a. **The Holy Spirit baptizes us in Christ. (Salvation)**  
> What was your life like before Christ and how did the Holy Spirit lead you to Jesus?
- b. **Another believer baptizes us in water. (Separation)**  
> According to [☞ Acts 2:41](#), what should we do after we believe?  
> Have you been baptized as a believer? If you have been baptized, why was it important for you to do it?
- c. **Jesus baptizes us in the Holy Spirit. (Supernatural Power)**  
> Why do you think Jesus told the disciples in Luke 24:49 to wait for the Holy Spirit?  
> When was the last time that you undeniably saw the Holy Spirit's power at work in or around you?  
\*How many of these *Baptisms* have you personally experienced?

### 3. Be Filled

- a. Shawn used an illustration of milk and chocolate syrup to explain how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. In doing so, he demonstrated that the Holy Spirit is first WITH us, then once we receive Christ, He dwells IN us, and then we are commanded to continually be filled with the Holy Spirit so that He can be UPON us. Discuss...  
What are your thoughts on this explanation of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives? Has this been your experience?
- b. Read [☞ Ephesians 5:15-20](#).
  - i. What jumps out at you from these verses? What do you learn?
  - ii. Have you ever thought of being filled with the Spirit as a command? Why/why not?
  - iii. Is it a command you can fulfill on your own? What does this tell you about the Christian life?
  - iv. Why do you think Paul uses a negative example (drunkenness) to describe a positive outcome? (being filled with the Spirit).
- c. How does the filling of the Holy Spirit confirm the truth that...  
**"It's better to have the Holy Spirit IN you than to have Jesus BESIDE you"**? Discuss.
- d. Why is being filled with the Holy Spirit so important to living the Christian life?

## Challenge & Prayer (25min)

### Challenge

- a. Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit to fill you? Would you ask the Holy Spirit to fill you?
- b. Take some steps (if you haven't already) to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in your life.
  - > **Get Baptized.** Baptism Sunday is April 14. Register at [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/baptism)
  - > **Participate in our Set Free Retreat.** April 5-6. Register at [www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free](http://www.mainstreetchurch.ca/set-free)

### Prayer

- a. Spend some time as a group praying and asking for the filling of the Spirit in your life.

#### How Can I Be filled with The Holy Spirit?

Here is an outline to follow as you pray:

- > REMOVE all barriers. (repentance is the prerequisite for the Holy Spirits filling)
- > REQUEST the gift of the Holy Spirit. (I want all you have Lord)
- > RECEIVE Him by faith.
- > RELATE to Him daily.

- b. Pray through our *2024 Prayer Goals*:



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**20 PRAYER 24 GOALS**

**A PASSION TO PRAY.** Personally, and corporately, That we would become a church OF prayer.

For at least 200 new people to **ATTEND** our Set Free and Empower Retreats.

**A FRESH VISITATION** of the Holy Spirit that results in a willingness to respond to all He gives us and calls us to.

That we **MAKE ROOM** for more people to experience wholeness in Christ.

- c. Participate in our *Prayer Summit*. Sunday, March 24. 6pm-7:30pm.