



Holy Spirit: Filled with the Spirit

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Genesis 1:2; John 6:63

1. **Wind is** _____. (*John 14:16-17*)

2. **Wind is** _____. (*John 3:8*)

3. **Wind is** _____. (*Acts 1:8*)

4. **Wind is** _____. (*1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Ephesians 4:30 MSG*)

How do we experience God's Presence and not take the Gift of the Holy Spirit for granted?

1. _____ **all barriers.** (*Romans 12:2 NLT; Acts 2:38-39*)

2. _____ **the gift of the Holy Spirit.** (*Luke 11:13*)

3. _____ **Him by faith.** (*Ezekiel 47:3-5; Hebrews 11:6*)

4. _____ **to Him daily.** (*2 Corinthians 13:14 MSG*)

Midweek Small Group Discussion:

Ephesians 5:8-21

Read Ephesians 5:8-21. Allow for a few moments of silent reflection.

Who is Paul speaking to when he describes them as people who “were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord”? Does this describe your life? Why or why not?

Darkness hides while light exposes. Restate verses 12-14 in your own words.

Paul contrasts being full of wine versus being full of the Spirit. Paul wants us to consider what truly controls our thoughts, speech and actions. What things (or values or cravings or relationships) control your life?

Paul urges us to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Imagine the Holy Spirit’s presence in your life could be visibly measured like the gas gauge in your car. How full of the Holy Spirit are you this week? Choose one of the following prompts that best describes your current condition:

- Is your needle pointing to a full tank?
- Does it seem like you’ve been getting by on just half a tank?
- Is the fuel light on, warning you that you need more of the Spirit’s presence?
- Are you driving on fumes, exhausted and powerless to continue?

Verses 19-21 give examples of a life filled with the Holy Spirit.

- Name these expressions of a Spirit-filled life.
- In which of these ways do you feel you have been making progress?
- In which area would you most want to improve?

In Tim’s message, he read Luke 11:13. His point was that we are to request the gift of the Holy Spirit. Read that verse, and then allow for a time of prayer to ask God for the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life.