

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### Empowered Part III - Filled With the Spirit

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#### DISCUSSION:

1. The Old Testament word for spirit is *ruach*, meaning wind or breath. The word for spirit in the New Testament is *pneuma*, with the same meaning. What are some thoughts that come to mind regarding the nature of wind or breath? What are the implications for our understanding of the Holy Spirit?
2. Review: In the Old Testament the Spirit had a primary work in creating the universe and restraining sin (Genesis 1:2, Genesis 6:3). Read John 16:7-15, which sometimes refers to the Holy Spirit as Counselor or Advocate. What is the primary work of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament?
3. Read Romans 8:9b, 1 Corinthians 2:12, and 1 Corinthians 6:19. What do these passages say about Christians and the Holy Spirit?
4. What is our part in being filled by the Holy Spirit? How do we do this?
5. What often happens when someone is filled with the Holy Spirit? Read Acts 4:31 and Acts 13:9-10. Also see Luke 1:40-42, Luke 1:67, Acts 2:4, and Acts 4:8.
6. What are other effects of being filled with the Holy Spirit? See Acts 13:52 for an example.

#### I. Being filled with the Spirit is NOT...

- being REGENERATED by the Spirit Titus 3:5
- being INDWELT by the Spirit Rom. 8:9;  
1 Cor. 3:16,6:19
- being SEALED by the Spirit Eph. 1:13-14
- being BAPTIZED by the Spirit 1 Cor. 12:13
- growing in FULLNESS of the Spirit Jn. 3:34; Eph 1:3;  
2 Pet 1:2-4

"Every believer has ALL of the Spirit.  
The command is to let the Spirit have ALL of you."

#### II. To be filled with the Spirit is to be...

- MOVED by the Spirit 2 Pet. 1:20-21;  
Acts 27:14-17
- MESHED with the Spirit Matt. 27:48
- MASTERED by the Spirit Lk. 5:26, 6:11;  
Acts 3:10, 5:3

#### III. When you are filled with the Spirit, He will...

- change the way you SPEAK Eph. 5:19-20
- change the RELATIONSHIPS you have Eph. 5:21
- change the way you LIVE Gal. 5:22-23