

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

### Empowered Part III - Filled With the Spirit

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#### DISCUSSION:

1. The Old Testament word for spirit is *ruwach*, 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. Read Ephesians 5:18. What are some differences between "having" and being "filled" with the Holy Spirit?
5. What is our part in being filled by the Holy Spirit? How do we do this?
6. 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.
7. What are other effects of being filled with the Holy Spirit? See Acts 13:52 for an example.
8. Share a time when you believe you were specially filled with the Holy Spirit.

#### APPLICATION:

1. What can you do to be more filled with the Holy Spirit? This could include proactive actions and/or cleansing from sins of commission or omission. Acts 13:52 says the believers were continually filled with the Holy Spirit (NAS).
2. When the Lord fills you with the Holy Spirit, do you take the opportunity to proclaim Him and His truth? What can you do differently in the future?

## FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

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- I. What is "filled with the Spirit"?

Acts 11:24; 13:52;  
Eph 1:3; 3:16-19;  
Lk 4:28;

  - A. The first **experience** is a **Baptism of the Spirit**.

Eph 1:13-14;  
Titus 3:5-6;  
Rom 8:9; 1 Cor 12:13
  - B. The second **description** is an **ongoing, continuous filling of the Spirit**.

Eph 5:18
- II. Why does Paul **contrast** it with **wine**?

Rom 8:5; Eph 5:15-18
- III. What is the result of being **filled**?
  - A. We'll experience the **fullness** of God's **presence** and **power**.

Gal 5:22  
Eph 5:19-21; Col 3:16-17
  - B. We'll have the **power** of the Spirit to **fulfill** our mission; **individually** and as the **church**.

Acts 4:13; 7:54-60
- IV. How can I be **filled** with the **Spirit**?

Is 63:10; Acts 7:51;  
1 Thess 5:19; Col 3:16