

# YOU SHALL RECEIVE **POWER**

**Guidelines:** sermon curriculum is designed to help facilitate small group conversation towards application of sermon. You may or may not get through all questions during your small group time.

## **Sermon Discussion:**

1. Read **Ephesians 5:14-18** and review the **main points** of the sermon.

### **I. Wake Up and Start Living for What Matters Most**

- A. You've Got to See What God Sees in this World**
- B. You Better Know What God Wants for this World**

### **II. Be Filled with what Helps You Most**

- A. He Commands Us to Be Filled with the Spirit**
- B. So How Can You Be Filled with the Spirit?**

2. **Reflect and Ruminare:**

a. As you think about how long you've been a Christian, do you see growth? Do you have a growing desire to know God, joy in trials, love for people, a thirst for God's Word, etc?

b. Do you see any areas in your life where you struggle to obey – you struggle to see the power to DO what God is asking you to do?

c. What do you think of when you hear "God's will"?

d. Why do you think Paul uses the negative illustration of "being drunk" as the opposite of being filled with the Spirit?



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3. **Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:**

a. In what ways do you see you've been sleeping... "unaware of the light and life" that you have in Christ?

b. Do you see the world as God does? When you hear what the Bible says about the world, do you struggle to understand or agree?

c. What is God's clear, revealed will for this World? For your life?

d. Which ditch do you find yourself falling into:

i. There's nothing you can do to be filled with the Spirit...

ii. There's a formula you can use to be filled....

4. **Request:** Do you see your weaknesses? Do you see the things that are tempting you/idols of your heart that keep you from loving God and loving people?

5. **Remember the Gospel:** His strength is made perfect in our weakness! Delight in your child-like need and His all-sufficient power.

## **Prayer Emphasis:**

- **Praise & Prayer:** Ask to see your weaknesses more clearly and to run towards His Word so that "the word of Christ may dwell in you richly."