

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 5:14-21*** and review the **main points** of the sermon.

I. So what does it mean to be filled with the Spirit?

II. How would it change the way you live your life?

- A. You'll waste less of your time, money, and energy**
- B. You'll start seeing more of reality not less**
- C. God's Word will be more alive to you than ever before**

2. **Reflect and Ruminare:**

- a. Who has been one of the most influential people in your life? How have they impacted you?
- b. When you're "under the influence" of the Spirit, it means two things: you're always trying to please them and you're always listening to their advice and adopting their values.
 - i. How consistently do you think about being pleasing to the Holy Spirit?
 - ii. How consistently are you asking to hear and listening to the Spirit apply God's Word to you everyday life?



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

- a. Do you see the Lord supplying the energy and resources that you need to take on your daily tasks? If not, what does that say about how you're seeing what the Lord is asking of you?
- b. Do you have increasing clarity on God's will in your life and the reality of what life is about according to scripture?
- c. Do you regularly hear the Lord speaking to you through His Word? Do you see evidence that He is filling you with life through your time in the Word?

4. **Remember the Gospel:**

We are saved by grace, and we can only live as we are supposed to if we have the power of grace—the power of the Spirit at work within us! Do you see the Christian life as a bunch of "to do's", or is there true life in your heart—continually filled by God's Word/His Spirit—to live for His glory!

Prayer Emphasis:

- **Praise & Prayer:** Thank the Lord for His Spirit that He has given as a gift for our good and His glory. Ask for a greater awareness and sensitivity to the Spirit – to understand how He works and how you can be completely under His influence.