

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 5:14-6:9** and review the **main points** of the sermon.*

I. You have joy that's unrelated to your circumstances because it's fixed on the greater realities

- A. When you're filled with the Spirit there's a personal joy between you and God because He is so real to you
- B. When you're filled with the Spirit, that personal joy can't stay private but often goes public and spills onto those around you.

II. You demand less from other people and are more willing to yield – because you're becoming more like your Savior

III. You give thanks in all things because you're learning how trustworthy your Savior is

2. *Reflect and Ruminare:*

- a. Do you every struggle with knowing whether the Holy Spirit is really present within you?
- b. Are there any circumstances in your life where you're struggling to have joy?
- c. Do you remember a difficult time in your life where you had joy that you know was a gift from the Lord?



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*"How Do I Know
if I'm Filled with Spirit?"*
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3. *Renew Thoughts & Replace Actions:*

- a. What brings you joy in your relationship with the Lord? When you're struggling with circumstances, what do you need to see more clearly concerning God's character? What should you do when you don't *feel* joy?
 - b. What opportunities do you have to share joys with believers and unbelievers? What opportunities do you need to take advantage of to be more transparent in this area?
 - c. Within your relationships, are you typically looking for what they can do for you, or how you can serve and be a blessing to them?
 - d. What do you need help to be thankful for in your life right now?
4. *Remember the Gospel:* We CAN'T do these things in our own strength...we need supernatural power—the Holy Spirit in us!

Prayer Emphasis:

- * That the presence of the Holy Spirit would be evident through lifting our eyes upon God's character—who He is over every circumstance and aspect of our lives and this world.
- * That we would have real joy in our hearts that we're eager to share.
- * That we would be looking for how we can give and serve others, being thankful for our Savior Jesus Christ.