**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

For the week of October 10, 2021

Fullness of the Spirit: Evidence of Being Filled by the Holy Spirit?

**Big Idea**: Being filled with the Spirit will change your heart

**Goal**: Clarify how the Spirit changes us

**Prepare**

This week we're diving into *Ephesians 5:15-21*asking God to clarify how the Spirit changes us. The personal preparation time & discussion are meant to help us flesh out what we've learned through the sermon and apply it more thoroughly in our lives together.

**Watch**Pastor Shawn's sermon, E*vidence of Being Filled with the Spirit,*noting anything memorable and impactful as you go. You can take notes in the FBC app if you'd like.

**Read**Ephesians 5:15-21

**Pray:**Father, please clarify how Your Spirit changes us and help us see the evidence or lack thereof in our lives.

**Connect**

1. What's your go-to song to sing in the shower or in your car?

**Discussion**Take some time to personally reflect on these questions after viewing the sermon and before your G2. It could make for a great morning devotional time! You can type and save your responses in the FBC app privately if you would like.

1. **Read Ephesians 5:19**. How does this verse challenge or encourage your singing?
   1. If a person only witnessed your voice (singing or speaking), what would they say about your relationship to the Holy Spirit?
2. **Read Ephesians 5:20**. What tends to cause you to abandon a thankful disposition?
   1. How has gratitude helped you through a time of grief?
3. **Read Ephesians 5:21.**What is your mental & heart reaction when you hear the word "submit?"
   1. How have you seen yourself become more submissive to other people?
4. Describe the last time you were surprised by the Spirit's work in your heart.
5. How would you like to see your relationship with the Holy Spirit change?
   1. How would you pursue a person with whom you wanted to experience the same kind of change?

**Closing Prayer** This prayer section is a guide to help you process with God what you've learned about Him and yourself through the sermon, personal preparation time, and discussion, then seek the Holy Spirit's power in applying it in your life. Sharing these responses in your G2 will help others gain insight into God & themselves while also helping and encouraging one another toward growth.

**Admire**: What have you learned about God through this sermon, discussion, and Scripture? Praise Him for it.

**Possible response:**Spirit we praise You for Your perfect character which You build progressively into us as well.

**Admit**: What has the Holy Spirit revealed to you as areas where you are falling short? Confess it to God.

**Possible response:**Spirit, we confess we don't always pursue our relationship with You.

**Aspire**: What is a specific change you want to see in your life or action you and/or your G2 could take based in this time of interaction?

**Possible Response:**Spirit, grow us to be more thankful & submissive in a way that brings songs of joy to our lips!

**Ask**: Keep track of requests & celebrations from others in your G2 & pray for them.