

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit EPHESIANS 5:18-20

1. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not a once and for all experience but one that needs to be renewed over and over again, we all run a little dry from time to time. What makes you dry? What percentage of the time are you dry?
2. Many people think of Jesus as someone who can save them and help them, yet refuse to call him master. As long as they can see a way out, they will generally opt for it. How do you feel in this regard?
3. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is simply having our whole personality yielded to God's will and way. Discuss
4. AW Tozer said *that if the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the church today, 95% of what we do would go on and no one would know the difference.* Do you think that would be the case in our church?
5. D. L. Moody said, *'that the moment our hearts are emptied of pride and selfish ambition and everything that is contrary to God's law, the HS will fill every corner of our hearts. But if we are full of pride and conceit, ambition and the world, there is no room for the Spirit of God. We must be emptied before we can be filled.'* Discuss
6. Many people don't take this step until they reach a point of desperation. Share a point of desperation that had a major impact on your life.
7. Pain compels us to change: God's plan is to lead us into brokenness. And then to dependence as we surrender to him. Jesus said Lu 9:23 *"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.* But we often want to come down off the cross, to end the pain, and remain in control of our lives. Discuss.
8. Alcohol changes our behaviour: we may become generous, or violent, or talkative as the liquor dominates. It affects the way we walk, talk and think. It's the same with the Holy Spirit: He controls us, we're not the same anymore. Our walk, our talk, our generosity, our courage are all changed by the Spirit of God. If you partake of alcohol, how does it affect you? How has the Holy Spirit impacted your life?

Pray for a each other to have a fresh in filling