

## Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

Share about a time in your life when you have had a great leader or guide, and the difference their leadership or guidance made for you.

## Talk About it!

1. Read **Ephesians 5:18-19**

a. How did you first experience the filling of the Holy Spirit and how have you continued to experience the filling of the Spirit?

2. Read **Galatians 5:13-17**

a. How have you seen or experienced evidence of what this scripture describes? How have you personally experienced or observed this difference between 'the flesh' and 'the Spirit' in your life?

3. Read **Galatians 5:18-25**

a. What is the outcome of the way of living described in verses 19-21, and the way of living described in verses 22-23; which would you prefer to experience?

4. Read **Galatians 5:19-21**

a. Is there anything on this list you either have struggled with or currently struggle with?

5. Read **Zechariah 4:6, Acts 1:8** and **Galatians 5:22-26**

a. What is God showing you about steps you need to take to grow stronger in your walk with the Spirit? What good would this bring into your life, and into the lives of those around you?

## Scripture References Questions 1-3

### QUESTIONS 1 SCRIPTURE

#### **Ephesians 5:18-19 NIV**

*18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.*

### QUESTIONS 2 SCRIPTURE

#### **Galatians 5:13-17 NIV**

*13 You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. 14 For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." 15 If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.*

*16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

### QUESTIONS 3 SCRIPTURE

#### **Galatians 5:18-25 NIV**

*18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

*19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

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### QUESTION 4 SCRIPTURE

#### Galatians 5:19-21 NIV

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### QUESTION 5 SCRIPTURE

#### Zechariah 4:6 NIV

*So he said to me, "This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord Almighty.*

#### Acts 1:8 NIV

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*

#### Galatians 5:22-26 NIV

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