

Thursday: Ephesians 5:18

1. Take this opportunity to talk about the sin of drunkenness and how being controlled by anything other than God is sin?
2. This verse says that drunkenness leads to "debauchery". That word means *extreme indulgence in sensuality*. How is our American society affected by extreme indulgence in sensuality and how can we as Christians steer clear of this type of temptation?
3. In the New Testament, when a person or persons were said to have been filled with the Holy Spirit, usually, if not always, those people bore witness to Jesus Christ. Have you experienced a time where you shared your faith in Jesus Christ?

Friday: Ephesians 5:19

1. How important is worshipping God together with other believers?
2. How important is worshipping God on your own, just you and God?

Saturday: Ephesians 5:20-21

1. What things are you thankful for?
2. How can we give thanks ALWAYS?
3. Talk about what you think it means to "submit to one another"
4. Why does verse 21 say to "submit...out of reverence for Christ"? Is Jesus the one we are trying to please when we submit to one another?

Bible Reading Plan

- Sunday: Jeremiah 25 Monday: Jeremiah 26
- Tuesday: Jeremiah 27 Wednesday: Jeremiah 28
- Thursday: Jeremiah 29 Friday: Jeremiah 30
- Saturday: Jeremiah 31 Sunday: Jeremiah 32



Intoxicated: Spirit-Filled Living

Ephesians 5:15-21

Ephesians 5:15-18 Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.¹⁸Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

SPIRIT-FILLED LIVING

1. The Comparison with _____

- a. Both begin with a _____
- b. Both involve drinking something in _____
- c. Both involve drinking in _____!
- d. Both involve surrendering _____
- e. Both result in atypical _____
- f. Both are _____

2. The Contrast With Getting Drunk

- a. No disgusting _____, _____ or hugging _____ 😊
- b. No destruction of _____
- c. No _____ accidents
- d. No _____

3. The Choice To Be _____ With The Spirit

"Do not get drunk on wine... be filled with the Spirit"

- a. It's a _____ Choice
- b. It's a _____ Choice – "be filled"

"It is as much of a sin to NOT be filled with the Spirit as it is to be drunk with wine"

- c. It's a _____ Choice – "be [continuously] filled"
- d. It's a _____ Choice – "be filled with/by the Spirit"
- e. It's a Consequential Choice

Family Discussion Guide

Use this guide as a resource in guiding discussions about "Living Under the Influence" with your family this coming week.

FOUR 'BREATHALYZER' TESTS TO REVEAL YOUR LEVEL OF SPIRITUAL INTOXICATION

Ephesians 5:19-21 Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰ always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

1. SPIRITUALLY UPLIFTING _____

...speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs (Ephesians 5:19a)

2. A _____ YOUR HEART

...singing and making music in your heart to the Lord (Ephesians 5:19b)

3. SAYING _____ ALWAYS

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 5:20)

4. A _____ SPIRIT

...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ (Ephesians 5:21)

*"If you were charged with Living Under the Influence of the Holy Spirit ...
...would there be enough evidence to convict you?"*

Brother's Keeper Thought: Share with your small group or spiritual partner whatever message you received growing up regarding the Holy Spirit. What evidences do you see in your own life that you are living a Spirit-controlled life? What is lacking?

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Monday: Ephesians 5:15

1. In the Bible, the word "walk" refers to the way in which you conduct your life. Check out the verses below and discuss how Christians should walk.

1 John 2:6

2 John 1:4

Colossians 3:6-8

2. How do we become wise?

Proverbs 1:7

James 1:5

3. Have there been any decisions you have made recently that have been "unwise"?

4. Is there any area of your life where you feel you lack wisdom and need it?

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:16

1. Look at these verses containing the word "opportunity" and discuss the importance of each in the life of a believer.

Galatians 6:10

Ephesians 4:26-27

Luke 21:13

2. Where do you see evil as you think about the world that we live in?

3. Is there anything that Christians can do to combat the evil that is present in our world?

Wednesday: Ephesians 5:17

1. Read these verses and see how the Bible defines foolishness.

Proverbs 15

Proverbs 30:32

Proverbs 21:20

2. Read these verses and find out what the Lord's will is, but more importantly, talk about how we can live these out.

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7

1 Peter 2:13-15

1 Peter 4:19

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18