

DISCUSSION GUIDE

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The Evidence: Week 1

Main Idea

In today's scripture, Paul encourages his readers to not get drunk on wine but to be filled with the Holy Spirit. No one can drink a whole bottle of vodka and stay the same person. Because if you get filled, it will change the way you walk, talk, and act.

*So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, and making music to the Lord in your hearts. And give thanks for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 5:15-20 (NLT)*

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES THE WAY WE WALK.

People who get drunk become unstable on their feet. They can't walk straight. When you get filled with the Holy Spirit he causes you to walk straight in an unstable world. Where is the evidence that you are walking straight?

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES THE WAY WE TALK.

An intoxicated person will often speak intangibly or even nonsense. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit we no longer talk like we did before. How are you talking differently? Look at your last few conversations. Was there evidence in your vocabulary, topic, and tone that demonstrates that you are filled with the Holy Spirit?

THE HOLY SPIRIT CHANGES THE WAY WE ACT.

Have you ever noticed that a drunk person seems to have extra courage - liquid courage? It's like their personality has changed. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, he leads us to action. Where has the Holy Spirit been leading you to ACT?

Summary

The power of the Holy Spirit changes us on the inside and the evidence is seen on the outside. As if we are drunk on wine, it should be evident in how we walk, talk, and act. If you find yourself reverting back to your old ways you need to go back for a refilling. Don't be a sipping saint. Be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Call To Action

A goal without a plan is just a wish. A goal with a plan produces results. Day-to-day decisions define destinies. Let's continue to allow the Holy Spirit to change the way we walk, talk, and act by considering these calls to action this week.

1. Read through the book of Acts (The Acts of the Holy Spirit through the Apostles) and pay special attention to the evidence displayed when people were filled with the Holy Spirit.
2. Pastor Tim spoke about how Satan drives and in contrast the Holy Spirit leads. Examine the areas of your life and determine if you are being LED or DRIVEN.
3. What better way to express the evidence of God working in your life than by growing and serving with others. Consider serving on our DREAM TEAM or LEADING or JOINING a Connect Group today.
4. Next week is GAME DAY! Invite a friend and join us.

Group Leader Resource

Game: Guess Who

Cut up some copy paper in 3x4 slips or provide enough index cards for your participants to fill out three each. Next, have your participants write down a random fact about themselves.

For example:

My favorite movie is Titanic.
I was the lead cheerleader in high school.
I have an identical twin.
My favorite color is periwinkle blue.

Then, gather all of the cards in a basket, shuffle them around, and have each person pick a card. Go around the table and have each person read the card they pulled aloud. The group can work together to guess who wrote the card and share some laughs about their reasoning behind their guess.