

# a new way to **LIVE**

## **FILLED, Ephesians 5:15-21 April 14, 2019**

### **CONNECT**

1. What is something you did this week that was a great use of your time? What is something you did that wasted your precious time?
2. Have you thought about how you use time as a matter of wisdom or foolishness?

### **CELEBRATE**

3. So often we think the will of the Lord is a mystery. Read Matthew 6:10, Matthew 12:50, Romans 12:1-2, Ephesians 1:10-12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 to learn some of what God's will is for us.
4. What are the two commands in Ephesians 5:8? Why is it important to not just do one but both?
5. There are five participles ("ing" words) that show some of what it looks like to be filled with the Holy Spirit. Identify them as a group.
  - a. Read Colossians 3:16 which parallels Ephesians 5:19. How does the Spirit of God help you do this?
  - b. Encourage someone by sending them a link or lyrics to a song that reminds him/her of the glory of God. If you are a part of a group, take time to worship with one of those songs together.
  - c. Take time to thank God specifically for the people sitting around you.
  - d. How does submitting to Jesus as Lord enable you to submit to other brothers and sisters?
6. What does it mean to do something "in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ"?
7. To what degree are the descriptions of what it looks like to be filled with the Spirit true of you during your small group times? On a social night? In text threads?
8. Pray together, asking God to fill those in your group with His Spirit and help you to walk with Him to look more like Jesus.

### **CONTRIBUTE**

9. How can you use 1-2 hours of your time wisely on mission with Jesus this week, individually and/or as a group?
10. Being filled with the Spirit also means He goes with you everywhere. How should being filled impact the way you engage outside of church as well (for instance: at New Hope Serves or in sharing about the Risen King).