

## Discussion Questions • Ephesians 5:18-21

- 1. What do you think are the marks of a "Spirit-filled" church?
  - a. What are the marks a "Spirit-filled" Christian?
- 2. Over the course of this sermon series, how much have your answers to the first question changed?
  - a. A lot? A little? None at all?
  - b. Why?
- 3. Do you think that the prohibition in Ephesians 5:18 against being drunk with wine because it leads to wicked acts is equally applicable to marijuana use?
  - a. Can someone smoke marijuana or eat a "weed edible" and not be "drunk"?
  - b. What is a faithful Christian perspective on drinking? On marijuana use?
- 4. What kinds of things can you do to put yourself in a better situation to "be filled with the Spirit"?
  - a. Is it something you can help happen or not?
  - b. Why or why not?
- 5. There are several descriptions of a Spirit-filling in verses 19-21.
  - a. What do you find most interesting about the list?
  - b. Which of the descriptions do you think is the most obvious sign that the Holy Spirit is at work in the person demonstrating it? Why?
- 6. How can we better give thanks "always... in everything"?
  - a. Why do we struggle to give thanks to God in our hard moments?
  - b. How would you counsel someone in a difficult situation to give thanks to God there?
- 7. What does it mean to "submit to one another" in verse 21?
  - a. How do the following verses (5:22-6:9) clarify what Paul means here?
  - b. Why is it hard to submit to others who are in leadership over us?
  - c. Why is it hard to lead others lovingly?

**OPTIONAL**: Was there anything not discussed that stuck out to you from the sermon?

## Wrap Up and Prayer

From your discussion, what resonated with you individually or as a group? Pray for each other along with other requests.