

Discipleship Group

LIVING BY THE SPIRIT Group Study

Watch: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RLrRhhfizmQ&t=416s>

KEY SCRIPTURES:

Gen 1:1-2 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*

Revelation 22:17 *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" And let the one who hears say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life.*

Galatians 5:22-25 *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

KEY POINTS:

Traits & Qualities of Being Filled with the Spirit

Inner Character & Transformation

- **Love** — Galatians 5:22
- **Joy** — Galatians 5:22
- **Peace** — Galatians 5:22
- **Forbearance (patience)** — Galatians 5:22
- **Kindness** — Galatians 5:22
- **Goodness** — Galatians 5:22
- **Faithfulness** — Galatians 5:22
- **Gentleness** — Galatians 5:23
- **Self-control** — Galatians 5:23
- **Righteousness** — Romans 14:17
- **Truth** — John 16:13
- **Purity / Holiness** — Romans 15:16; 1 Peter 1:2

Power & Spiritual Strength

- **Power** — Acts 1:8
- **Strength / Might** — Ephesians 3:16
- **Boldness** — Acts 4:31
- **Courage** — 2 Timothy 1:7
- **Victory over sin (life over flesh)** — Romans 8:13

- **Freedom** — 2 Corinthians 3:17

Wisdom, Understanding & Guidance

- **Wisdom** — Exodus 31:3; Ephesians 1:17
- **Understanding** — Isaiah 11:2
- **Counsel** — Isaiah 11:2
- **Knowledge** — Isaiah 11:2
- **Discernment / revelation** — 1 Corinthians 2:10–12
- **Guidance into truth** — John 16:13
- **Renewed mind** — Romans 8:5–6

Service, Mission & Ministry

- **Spiritual gifts for service** — 1 Corinthians 12:4–11
- **Ability to witness** — Acts 1:8
- **Effectiveness in ministry** — 1 Thessalonians 1:5
- **Equipping for works of service** — implied through gifting (1 Cor 12)
- **Edification of others** — 1 Corinthians 14:12

Hope & Future Assurance

- **Hope** — Romans 15:13
- **Peace in believing** — Romans 15:13
- **Guarantee / seal of salvation** — Ephesians 1:13–14
- **Foretaste of what is to come** — 2 Corinthians 1:22

DISCUSSION & PRAYER POINTS:

- 1. What are some markers for you personally of being filled with the spirit/living in the overflow**
 - Follow-up: Why is living from overflow essential for the walk of a believer?
- 2. What are some telltale signs that you're running dry?**
 - Follow-up: How easy/difficult is it to recognise this in yourself and make a change?
- 3. Which quality of being filled with the spirit is most encouraging to you?**
 - Follow-up: How can you be more conscious of relying on the spirit in this area?
- 4. Take time to pray for a fresh infilling of the Spirit**
 - Be specific based on the needs of the DG, is there someone yet to receive the gift of tongues – pray for them, is someone seeking spiritual gifts – pray that they might receive them, is someone feeling dry/deflated/defeated, pray that the oil of Heaven might flow over them