**The Fruit of Connecting (3/10/24)**

**Discussion Questions**

**Summary:** What does it look like for a believer to be filled with the Spirit? What about a church? Paul gives us four marks of a Spirit-filled church in this part of Ephesians: 1) worshipful connection; 2) joyful devotion; 3) grateful integration and 4) mutual submission. Easy to document, harder to live out. But that’s the point: we can’t produce this fruit on our own but only as we are filled with the Spirit!

*“That you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”* Ephesians 3:17-19

**The Marks of a Spirit-Filled Church:**

1. Worshipful **Connection** (3:14-21)
   * **Exalting** Jesus through sanctifying interaction (v. 18-19; 5:2-4)
2. Joyful **Devotion** (v. 19b)
   * **Enjoying** Jesus in personal communion (Php. 4:4)
3. Grateful **Integration** (v. 20)
   * Thanking Jesus for **Everything** (1 Thes. 5:16-18)
4. Mutual **Submission** (v. 21)
   * Honoring Jesus by **Serving** His Bride (v. 22-32)

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”* 1 Thes. 5:16-18

**Get Started:**

1. What was the best concert you ever attended? What made it awesome?
2. Have you ever been that inspired by a Christian conference or worship service?

**Dig In:** Read Ephesians 5:15-21

1. What stands out to you in this passage?
2. What do you think it means to “be filled with the Spirit” (v. 18)? (Hint: see Eph. 3:14-21)
3. When you are filled with the Spirit, how does it affect your inner person (heart, mind, attitude)?
4. When you are filled with the Spirit, how does it affect your relationships (words, love, service, marriage, parenting, work)?
5. Do these marks of a Spirit-filled church describe our group? Why or why not?

**Move Forward:**

1. What helps you to walk closely with the Holy Spirit and experience more of His fullness every day?
2. Would you say that you need to work more on your inner person experience of the Spirit or more on your relationships this week?
3. What is one specific way we can pray for you this week?