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How Can I Be Led by the Holy Spirit? John 7:37-39; Galatians 5:16-17; Ephesians 5:15-21

These questions are provided to lead the group in **applying** the teaching from Sunday. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in being a doer of God's Word. Challenge each other and be vulnerable as God works IN and THROUGH you together.

1. Who has God placed on your heart to invite to The Table (1-Year Rally)? Have you had any table meetings yet (Church? Community? Cultures?)? If so, how's it going?
2. Why are many Christians afraid of the Holy Spirit? What are some possible reasons that you have shied away from the Holy Spirit?
3. Have you ever experienced the Holy Spirit's power in your life? Share with the group.
4. Read Galatians 5:17. Why is it so hard to be led by the Holy Spirit?
5. Read John 7:37-39, Galatians 5:16, and Ephesians 5:18. Discuss the biblical image that each passage uses to picture our relationship with the Holy Spirit. Which image is the most helpful for you personally in understanding your interactions with the Holy Spirit? Which one do you need the most in your life today and why?

6. To be filled with the Holy Spirit means to be directed and controlled by the Holy Spirit. This is different from both the indwelling of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 1:22) and the Baptism of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:13). How does the table to the right bring you clarity of the differences?

	Indwelling of the Spirit Baptism of the Spirit	Filling of the Spirit
<i>Cause</i>	Conversion Spirit Initiates	Submission We initiate
<i>Occurrence</i>	Once Automatic	Repeated Not Automatic
<i>Commanded</i>	No	Yes
<i>Effect</i>	Positional Becoming a Christian	Practical Growing as a Christian
<i>Who</i>	All Christians	Some Christians
<i>The Spirit & Me</i>	I have the Spirit	The Spirit has me

7. Read Ephesians 5:18. In this one verse we see that the phrase "be filled with the Spirit":
 - ☐ Is a command I must obey. (is an imperative)
 - ☐ Is for all believers, which includes me. (is in the plural)
 - ☐ Is something I must do continually. (is in the present continual tense)
 - ☐ Is something that requires me to yield to God and Scripture. (is in the passive voice)
 - ☐ Is an action that influences every area of my life. (leading to Ephesians 5:19-6:20)
 - ☐ Is allowing the Spirit to permeate and control my life. (filled = control)
 Which of these truths of the verse speak to you the most? What would your life look like if you applied this passage on a daily basis?
8. Throughout each day, I will:
 - ☐ Exhale: Confession: I confess all my sin to God and give up all control.
 - ☐ Inhale: Control: I commit all my life to God and give God full control.
 How will you practice this action of "Spiritual Breathing"? What reminders can you set throughout the day to prompt you to breathe spiritually? How will this help you Observe and Obey the Spirit?
9. How can this group pray for you and our church this week? Pray for people to invite to your Church Table, Community Table, and Cultural Table.