



# GROWING – In My Relationship with The Holy Spirit 12<sup>th</sup> July 2020 Deborah Holman

This Study Guide provides a summarised study with additional discussion questions based on the scriptures mentioned in the sermon.

## Connect:

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?
2. Read and discuss Ephesians 5:15-21
  - Paul compares being filled with the Holy Spirit to being drunk.
  - A similar comparison is made in Acts 2:4 – When the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, and the people who gathered around them thought they were drunk.
3. What is this comparison meant to show?
  - Being intoxicated with wine and being intoxicated with the Holy Spirit:

Similarity	Difference
(By nature of the metaphor) both are powerful substances/agents	*Wine can lead to debauchery and shamefulness *Being filled with the Holy Spirit leads to boldness and power

## Engage:

- **FILLED** [meaning] – to cram, to complete, to satisfy
- **SPIRIT** [meaning] – breath, current of air

**“In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.”**

Genesis 1:1-2 (KJV)



**“The actions of an individual will always be related to their character.  
God reveals Himself to mankind by His character;  
We can’t see the wind but we can see the effects of it.  
We can’t see God but we can see the impact that He has on the earth.”**

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16. Is your relationship with the Holy Spirit the most important relationship you have?
17. Do you know the Holy Spirit as your comforter, counsellor, a leader in your life?
18. This may seem like an easy and simple question to ask and answer, but please take a moment to really ponder over it.  
Be honest with yourself.  
If you answered yes, then ‘how do you know Him in this way?’  
If you answered no, ask yourself, ‘why don’t I know Him in this way?’
19. How do we become filled with the Holy Spirit? (Go back to Ephesians 5:15-21)
20. The 3 things highlighted in verses 19-21:
  - Worship = making music
  - Thanksgiving = always
  - Submission = humbling ourselves, in honour preferring one another➤ If we will adopt these three things, we will be filled and keep being filled with the Holy Spirit. His Spirit and His breath teaching, instructing and leading us into all truth and our spirit and our breath being in agreement with His.

### **Challenge:**

1. Practise these three things and train yourself to be filled and stay filled.

### **Prayer:**

“Dear Lord, I pray that I will have a hunger and thirst to develop this relationship with the Holy Spirit above all others. That I might be led into all truth and that I might be willing to unlearn the things that have ruled my life. In Jesus Name Amen.”