

**5 March 2023 -- Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group**

**“Being Filled in the Spirit’s Domain”-- Ephesians 5:15-21**

1. What is the quality that describes how Christians should live (v. 15)?
2. How are the people of God to use their time (v. 16a)?
3. Why are Christians to use their time wisely (v. 16b)?
4. What characteristic should NOT describe a follower of Christ (v. 17a)?
5. About what must every Christian have understanding and insight (v. 17b)?
6. What is not fitting for a Christian that involves drinking wine (v. 18a)? Why (v. 18b)?
7. Instead of being excessively filled with wine, what is a Christian to do (v. 18c)?
8. What four ways are identified as marks of being filled in the Spirit (vv. 19-21)?
9. What kinds of songs are God’s people to sing (v. 19a)?
10. How are Christians to address one another and sing to the Lord (v. 19b)?
11. For what things are followers of Jesus to give thanks (v. 20a)?
12. When are Christians to be thankful and express it (v. 20a)?

13. Why should Christians be people who submit (v. 21b)?
  
14. What does Scripture teach about alcoholic beverages? How should Christians handle the use of drugs whether prescribed by a physician or not? If a Christian is constantly overcome by drugs and/or alcohol, what should one do? How can one find help?
  
15. How can parents effectively teach and train their children about the use of alcohol and drugs?
  
16. How do you evaluate whether something in your life has become excessive? Is having an excess of something always detrimental? How does God's wisdom guide you so that you do not reach a point of excess or loss of control?
  
17. If you trust in Christ Jesus as your Savior and Lord, do you believe you are filled with the Spirit? How do you know?
  
18. Though there is a connection and overlap between being filled "with" the Spirit and filled "in" the Spirit, what distinction(s) might there be between the two ideas?
  
19. How does singing the songs of the faith contribute to "addressing" one another?
  
20. What is meant by a "vertical" focus in worship? What is meant by a "horizontal" focus in worship? Should one have preference over the other? If so, which one? Why?
  
21. How does thankfulness demonstrate the work of the Spirit in your life? How might thankfulness on the part of the Christian be different from the gratitude non-believers exhibit?
  
22. What does "submission" mean? What does "submitting to one another" look like in the Body of Christ?