

3 things for you as leaders:

1. Go to bit.ly/hbcprayer if you'd like to schedule your group to pray during a service with the prayer team.
2. Plan your Passover event. Review the bag (or get it on a Sunday), disperse responsibilities, and have fun!
3. Please think through when to lead your group in the Feb-March prayer time if you have not already done so.

LEARN

What stood out to you from the sermon on Sunday?

Read Romans 8:12-17. What does this text specifically tell us about people who are “led by the Spirit”?
(3 things: v. 13 - We live holy lives, putting sin to death by power of Spirit // v. 14, 16, 17 – we know we are children of God by confirmation of Spirit // v. 15 – we call God Father because of the Spirit)

What does it mean to live a Spirit-Empowered life? What are 3-5 marks in the life of a Christian that tell you the person is empowered by the Spirit?

(Comforter = “cum-fuerte” with-strength. The Spirit gives strength and courage for the real, ongoing spiritual battle against the sin, our flesh, and the Enemy of our soul. Ideas include someone who consistently prays, worships, is submitted to God, seeks his strength, repents of sin, humbles themselves, speaks truth)

Read Ephesians 5:15-21. What does this text tell us it means to “be filled with the Spirit”?
(Under the Spirit’s control, the reverse of being controlled by something like alcohol. The “ing” words in v. 19-21 describe aspects of the filling... use the Word of God in each other’s lives, worship the Lord in song, give thanks in all circumstances, submit to and serve one another. Emphasis on continual submission and obedience)

PRACTICE

Read Galatians 5:13-18. The promise made is that if we walk by the Spirit, we will not gratify (obey/follow) the desires of the flesh. How do you know when you are walking by the Spirit? What do (or don't) you do?
(Ideas: Pray for help to obey and walk by the Spirit / Read the Word that the Spirit inspired and obey it / Resist temptation / Speak the Truth to yourself and others / Carry out the “one another’s” of Scripture)

Read 2 Corinthians 3:17-18. Take some time to think about ways you’ve grown in the past 6 months. Share brief statements of testimony together of how you have changed and are being changed by God’s Spirit.

CHANGE

In what way do you need to obey the command to be filled by the Spirit?

(Leaders: areas of life could include loving God/others, serving in the church, proclaiming the gospel, worship, etc. After some discussion, go straight to God in prayer together for these things. Encourage your men/women to be specific and call out to God for those specific needs for change)