

EPHESIANS: Ephesians 5:19-21

This week's sermon discussed three results/outcomes of the Holy Spirit "filling" a Christian and shaping their lives. The first thing that God wants to see occur is that Christians sing with other Christians.

Does it surprise you that the first thing Paul lists as a result of the Holy Spirit working in a Christian's life is that they will sing? Does that seem relatively insignificant?

Do you know anyone who enjoys singing with other Christians at church? If so, what do they enjoy about it?

Do you know anyone who does not enjoy singing with other Christians at church? If so, what do you think they do not enjoy?

What are some positive things that occur when Christians sing together?

The second thing that God wants to see Christians do, and that the Holy Spirit helps us do, is to give thanks to God.

Share with the group several things for which you are thankful today.

Do you typically have an attitude of thankfulness or is that something you need to grow in?

What sometimes prevents people from being thankful?

The third thing that the Holy Spirit moves Christians towards is putting other Christians above themselves. Read Philippians 2:3-4 and Romans 12:10.

What are some ways that you have seen Christians in churches "submit" to each other, or count others more significant than themselves, or outdo one another in showing honor?

What is the opposite of doing those things?

Have you ever seen Christians demand their rights, or count themselves better than anyone else, or simply seek attention and honor for themselves?

Does this idea of Christians honoring each other, submitting to each other, and not fighting for our right to be right apply to anything going on in our culture today?