



“When the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and they poured out into the streets of Jerusalem that morning, those in those streets thought them drunk, crazy, babbling nonsense that made perfect sense. Their demeanor, words, and actions defied logic and understanding. They didn’t know what to do with them. The watching world may think we’re crazy, maybe even drunk, but the life of a follower of Jesus cannot, will not, look like the lives of those operating in the way of the world. The Spirit is here, let’s have a drink.”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

Share a time when you did that which the Spirit called you to and it looked weird to the watching world.

MEMORY VERSE:

Ephesians 5:18

“Do not be filled with wine, because that will ruin your life, Instead be filled by the Holy Spirit.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

Acts 2:12-15

“12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Peter's Sermon at Pentecost

14 But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. 15 For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day.”

Ephesians 5:18

"And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,"

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Look at Ephesians 5:18 in context of Paul's letter to the Ephesian church. What is Paul talking about? Is it chastising them for getting drunk or is he focusing on something else?
2. How do you explain the disciples that morning, out in the streets seemingly drunk, crazy, babbling nonsense that made perfect sense?
3. How should the Christian be guided by the Scriptures in their consumption of mind-altering things like alcohol or drugs? Think biblically.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. As followers of Jesus, our lives should look different. How so? If we were truly being obedient to Jesus, how might our lives look very different than the lives of our neighbors who don't follow Jesus?
2. Does your life look like you might be drunk on the Spirit? If so, how so? If not, why not?
3. What is your relationship to alcohol or other mind-altering things? What does a healthy relationship with these things look like? Does the Bible condone or prohibit alcohol consumption of any kind? What about drunkenness?
4. During the season of Lent often Christians give up something to refocus their eyes and lives on Jesus. What have you given up? How are you hoping to refocus on Jesus during this time?

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.