

Out of Control

Ephesians 5:18-19

The human dilemma is that we insist on being in control, fail miserably, and then look for escapes where we can lose control. Christianity resolves that dilemma. We gladly give up control to _____ with the Spirit of an all-knowing, all-loving God.

Discussion 1. For you, what scares you most about losing control? What scares you most about allowing the Spirit to totally control you?

When, in gathered worship, we make singing about performance, we miss the point. Singing is about engaging the heart. God is not listening for pitch or musicality; He is listening to the _____ of the worshiper.

Discussion 2. Is singing an important part of worship for you? Why or why not? Is there anything about singing that makes it a difficult part of worship for you?

The more we are filled with and controlled by the Holy Spirit, the more our hearts are filled with _____. The Spirit opens our eyes to better see the blessings, even in the midst of the storms.

Discussion 3. Why is it necessary to make “thanksgiving” an intentional part of our daily intimacy with God? What percentage of your prayer time do you think is usually devoted to just thanking God? In the midst of this global pandemic, what do you still thank God for regularly?

In a world obsessed with either holding onto or redistributing power, the Holy Spirit actually leads Christ followers toward giving up worldly power for _____ to each other.

Discussion 4. What is one practical way that “submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ” happens in your own life? What obstacles do you face to having more of this attitude in your relationships?

Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?