Facilitator:

1.  Open with Prayer

2.  Welcome any newcomers

3.  Give a 5-minute review of Peppy's sermon

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Please don't feel you have to cover every question.  They become increasingly deeper and more thoughtful toward the end.  It may help to highlight questions you want to be sure to cover, depending on the dynamics of your group and the time available.  Try to keep your discussion to an hour and a half at the most.

**CONNECT Group study questions for February 7 - Ephesians 5:18**

**Title:  Fill ‘er Up**

Read **Ephesians 5:18-21**—*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.*

**Question**: Peppy makes the comparison between wine and the Spirit, and it is a matter of influence and control. How many points of contrast can you think of where wine, or drunkenness, differs from filling of the Holy Spirit?

**Question**: If being filled by the Holy Spirit is God’s command for every believer—and it is—how can the believer know that he is obeying God’s command and is being continually filled? (Reread Ephesians 5:18-21 for help with this answer.)

**Question**: Peppy taught us that *“be filled”* in Ephesians 5:18 is in the present tense and the passive voice. The present tense here is not just one point in time, but continuous, and the passive voice means God does the filling. Yet this is a command God has directed at us. So what part do we have in *“be filled with the Spirit?”* (See 1 John 1:9)

**Question**: Read Revelation 3:20—*Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me*. Whether the Lord is standing at the heart’s door of a believer or a non-believer, he asks for an open door so he can come in to a person no longer in rebellion, but submitted to him. The image here is fellowship and complete transparency. What barriers prevent this fellowship with the Lord? What can we do to dismantle these barriers?

**Question**: Why is being continually filled with the Holy Spirit necessary to help us get from here to there?