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<h3 style="margin: 0;">2. Life In The Spirit</h3>	

Key Texts
John 15:5
Galatians 5:25
Ephesians 3:19, 5:1-21

Talking through the message during the week, especially with others, helps turn what God is saying into action steps.

- What stood out to you in Sunday's message?
- Was there anything you didn't understand?
- When you hear the word "normal" what do you think of?

Read **Ephesians 5:1-18**

Mike talked about 4 elements of grammar:

Mood – Number – Voice – Tense

The phrase in **v18** "*be filled with the Holy Spirit*" is in the...

Imperative Mood: it's a command not a suggestion

Plural Number: Paul is writing to us not just me

Passive Voice: we don't fill ourselves up

Present Tense: this filling is ongoing

- What are some of the implications of each of these?
- Why does knowing this matter?
- How does change how we understand this verse?

Read **Ephesians 5:18-21**

- How does the Spirit's filling us...
 - affect our **speaking**?
 - affect our **worship**?
 - makes us **thankful** people?
 - leads us to **submit to** one another?
- What does Christianity, what do we, individually and together as the church, look like where there is life in the Spirit?
- What are some of the signs of the presence of God's Spirit at work?
- How do you make room for the Spirit to work in your life? Or to put it another way, what regular practice(s) do you have that makes you aware that God wants to fill you with his Spirit so that enter into all that he has for you as he grows his kingdom in this world?
- Why do you think we sometimes restrict the filling & work of the Spirit to religious things?

Next Steps:

- Pray, out loud, the **Lord's Prayer**, reflecting on each phrase, on Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
- Read, out loud, the **Jesus Creed**, on Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday.
- As you pray and read these, grasp the depths of God's love and his desire for you to know him, to be empowered by his Spirit, and to follow him.