



Being Filled With The Holy Spirit: Why We're Disconnected [Ephesians 5:13-21]

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exercise

Break out into groups of three or four.

Fill in the blank.

I wonder what _____ will look like when heaven comes to earth?

Respond to the question in your own words.

You might want to reference Revelation 21.

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text

Read 1 Corinthians 15:50-58. Consider especially verse 58.

Martin Luther, the reformer, is quoted as having said: "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my apple tree."

How do these two thoughts challenge the way you understand and do ministry today?

How do they challenge the idea of success and failure in ministry? How might this understanding of heaven and earth redeem past ministry experiences for you?

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Pastor James spoke about drunkenness as an escape from the unbearable in life, adding that when we're filled, we're filled.

What are you filled with these days? How is that filling related to burdens you are carrying today? How are they helpful? How are they taking away from you?

If someone were to write the story of your life up to now, what would be the title?

What is the ending? How does this ending run with/against the exhortation in Eph 5:13-21?