The BIGGEST Kingdom Leadership requirement

Acts 6:3-4 (NIV)

3 Brothers and sisters, choose seven men from among you who are known to be <u>full of the Spirit and wisdom</u>. We will turn this responsibility over to them 4 and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word."

8 Week Series on how to practically live a lifestyle full of the Holy Spirit

Personal testimony: Convinced about the need for more leaders in the Kingdom of God

- For church, for business, for communities, for families
- Leaders have vision, courage, build teams, carry responsibility and make things happen
- God works through men and woman and looks for someone willing to take the lead
- I devote a lot of my time to training leadership!

DISCOVERY #1: For a Kingdom leader to be effective, they must be full of the Holy Spirit

- Teach people to be full of the Holy Spirit and they will lead!
- Leadership comes naturally to people who are full of the spirit!

DISCOVERY #2: For a church body to be effective, the church needs to be full of the Holy Spirit

- For your body to work well it needs to stay hydrated
- We as a church are the body of Christ!
- You can be well trained and equipped but if we are not well hydrated you we will not be effective

1 Corinthians 12:13 (NIV)

13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were <u>all given the one Spirit to drink</u>.

BIG IDEA: So effectiveness both individually and as a church is totally dependent on our fullness of the Holy Spirit

SERIES CHALLENGE: HOW COULD WE DESIGN A LIFESTYLE AROUND CONSTANTLY DRINKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT?

This was the characteristic of the early church in the Book of Acts:

Acts 2:42, 47 (NIV)

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

BIG IDEA: Devoted life is more powerful than a disciplined life

- Discipline should follow devotion
- Their devotion to Jesus led to a disciplined lifestyle of constantly drawing from the Holy Spirit

1. Daniel lived a devoted life that was seen in his disciplined life

Daniel 1:8 (NIV)

8 But Daniel resolved not to defile himself with the royal food and wine, and he asked the chief official for permission not to defile himself this way.

Daniel 6:10 (NIV)

10 Now when Daniel learned that the decree had been published, he went home to his upstairs room where the windows opened toward Jerusalem. Three times a day he got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, just as he had done before.

His devotion to the Lord was reflected in his discipline

2. <u>Jesus</u>

Mark 1:35 (NIV)

35 Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.

Jesus' devotion to his Father was reflected in his daily discipline

Over the next 7 weeks we are going to study 7 disciplines of devotion

- A lifestyle of drinking deeply of the Holy Spirit

QUESTIONS:

- 1. Consider your basic lifestyle routines and habits. How many of them actively fill you with the Holy Spirit?
- 2. If you had to rate how full of the Holy Spirit you feel right now (out of 10), what would you give yourself?
- 3. Describe what your life could look like if you were double as full of the Holy Spirit as you are used to.