



Because I'm in Christ, I can be thankful.



Key truths:

1. The Holy Spirit helps us act the person we are in Christ.

2. The more we are filled with the Holy Spirit, the more like Jesus we look.

3. We should be thankful that God not only gave us a new identity in Christ, He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us live it out.



Discussion Starters:

1. Giving thanks in everything recognizes that God is in charge and He is good. He can bring good out of difficult circumstances, even if we never see it. Can you think about any times in the Bible where God is good in the midst of bad circumstances? What about in your own life?
2. Habakkuk was a prophet who cried out to God to intervene in some bad circumstances. Read God's response in Habakkuk 1:5- what does this tell you about God? Read Habakkuk 2:4- what does He expect of His people? Read Habakkuk's prayer in Habakkuk 3:17-19- what can we learn from this?
3. Because it is hard to know what the right thing to do is in this dark world, Paul reminds us in Ephesians 5:15-17 to walk in wisdom. How does he define wisdom in verse 17? How do we become wise?
4. Think about how King Solomon became wise (read 1 Kings 3:3, 5-12; also James 1:5-6). We also have the Bible- when we read it and plant it deep in our minds, what does the Holy Spirit do (read John 14:26)? Can you think of anything else God gives us to help us grow in wisdom (check Ephesians 4: 11-14)?

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1-2

