



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 10/06/19
DISCUSSION DATE: 10/13/19
TEXT: GALATIANS 5:22-26

I. THE FRUIT OF A DISCIPLE IS DETERMINED BY THE SUBMISSION OF OUR HEART (PART TWO).

A. Living in submission to the Spirit produces VIRTUOUS FRUIT (v.v. 22-23)

1. Virtues that enable us to live above our circumstances.

a) Love

b) Joy

c) Peace

2. Virtues that enable us to be LIGHT in a DARK world.

d) Longsuffering

e) Kindness

f) Goodness

3. Virtues that enable us to be conduits of God's grace to others.

a) Faithfulness

b) Gentleness

c) Self-Control

B. Living in Submission to the Spirit derails the desires of our Flesh! (v.v. 24-26)

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES



1. Fill in the Blanks: **Discipleship:** _____ entering into _____ relationships that are _____ by the Word of God and _____ by the Holy Spirit in order to _____ Christ-like disciples.
2. Why do people resist accountability in discipleship? How does accountability help us grow? How does this become a shared value in our community of faith?
3. **Read Galatians 5:16 & 5:21.** What promise does the Lord give us in this text? How does that help us in our battle against sin? What is the chilling warning given in v. 21? How should this warning function in our lives? How can we tell if we actually believe God's warning?
4. **Read Galatians 5:22-23.** What is a virtue? What qualities do we look for in a virtuous person? What is significant about the Fruit of the Spirit being singular not plural (i.e. not Fruits)? What is the relationship between bearing fruit and keeping law?
5. **Read Galatians 5:22.** What do you picture in your mind when you think of a life dominated by love, joy and peace? How do our daily circumstances challenge this picture? What battle do we face in seeing this fruit growing in our daily experience? What encouragement does this text offer? Why is it possible for God's children to live above our circumstances?
6. **Read Romans 5:5, 8; 1 John 4:9-11.** How has God made His love for us known? In light of God's love for us, what does John tell us to do? What makes it possible for sinners like us to love others in this way?
7. **Read Ephesians 4:15; 5:2; Colossians 3:14; 1 Corinthians 16:14.** How is love supposed to impact our daily lives? What does love enable us to do?
8. **Read Romans 12:12; 14:17; Acts 13:50-52; 1 Thessalonians 1:6.** How are joy and hope connected? What is the source of our hope in the midst of difficult circumstances? What do joy filled believers do (1 Thess. 1:8)?
9. **Read Colossians 1:24; 2:5; Philippians 2:17; 4:1; 1 Thessalonians 3:8-9.** What caused Paul to rejoice? What do we find ourselves rejoicing in?
10. **Read Romans 5:1-2; Ephesians 4:3; Romans 14:19.** What is the source of our peace, and should this peace impact our daily lives? How do we pursue peace and protect it? What does peace protect in the local church?