

Sermon Discussion Questions

Words have Meaning

Galatians 5:22-23

December 4, 2016

1. The whole message was about the fruits of the Spirit that are directly related to how we relate to each other. Let's get to know each other a bit more. Who or what has been the source of the greatest positive impact on your life? Who or what has been the source of the greatest challenge for you?
2. In Galatians 5:22, patience is not tolerance, but it is hopefulness. Can you explain the difference?
 - a. Read 2 Timothy 4:1-2. How can that passage help us understand a sense of hopefulness?
3. In Galatians 5:22, kindness is not passivity its compassion. Can you explain the difference?
 - a. Colossians 3:12-13 is probably the best context to help us understand what kindness ought to look like. Discuss what those two verses mean and how we are to apply them to our lives today.
4. In Galatians 5:22, goodness is not just being pleasant it is being generous. Can you explain the difference?
 - a. When describing a stone as "beautiful" it could be understood as a stone that looks "good" (Luke 21:5). Yet how is that different than the goodness found in Romans 15:14; Ephesians 5:9; and 2 Thessalonians 1:11 (check the context)?
5. Of the three fruits that we just discussed, which one do you struggle with the most? Why do you think it is a struggle for you?
6. Jeremy shared that it is hard to bear the fruit of the Spirit (and the movie clip gave an example as to when it is really hard). When is it hard for you to bear the fruit of the Spirit?
7. In the end of the sermon Jeremy gave this simple formula to walk by the Spirit: Stop, confess (both to God and anyone we've sinned against), and call on the Lord to help.
 - a. What gets in the way of doing this?
 - b. How can we remove those barriers?