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## Galatians, Week 17 Small Group Questions

Aaron Jayne - September 8 & 9, 2018

- In Galatians 5 Paul gives us the "Fruit of the Spirit," In 1 Corinthians 12 he talks about the "Gifts of the Spirit" and then how to use them in the church body. Read 1 Corinthians 12 and describe what are the differences you see between the "gifts" and the "fruit" of the Spirit and what does that mean to you?
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### How Do I Make it Work?

- If comfortable in sharing, what are some areas of the "flesh" that you are working on crucifying or would like to crucify?
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- Since our biggest problem is not desiring bad things, but often it is over-desiring good things, what are some good things in your life that you have elevated to a level of importance beyond where they really should be?
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- In "keeping step with the Spirit" what are things you do really well and consistently? And what are areas you would like to do better, and even invite your small group to help encourage you in?
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(Galatians 5:16-25) So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

### The Spirit and the Flesh

(Ephesians 1:18-19) I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

### How the Flesh Works?

- ✓ \_\_\_\_\_ is not doing whatever I want to do, but completely wanting to do \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 Peter 2:11 NLT) Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

- ✓ Our biggest problem is not desires for \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.

### What the Flesh Wants?

(Romans 7:22-23) I love God's law with all my heart. But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

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### The Fruit of the Spirit

1. Growth is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Mark 4:27) Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how.

2. Growth is \_\_\_\_\_.

(Philippians 1:6) being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

3. Growth is \_\_\_\_\_.

(1 John 4:20) Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar.

### What is the Fruit?

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### How Does the Fruit Grow?

1. By \_\_\_\_\_ our flesh.

(Matthew 16:24) Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

2. By \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit.

(John 16:7) But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

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### A Little About Me

- Did you have any childhood Fall Traditions that you are carrying, or plan on carrying on with your family?

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### Reflection

- What resonated with this week's message and why?

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### Going Deeper

- In Romans 7, Paul goes deep into what it means to battle with our "flesh" and how challenging it can be and is. Read Romans 7 and how do you relate to Paul? What stands out to you about this passage and your life?

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- In Romans 8, Paul gets into what it means to live by the Spirit, beginning in Verse 1 by saying, "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus," which is very comforting after reading Chapter 7. Read the rest of Chapter 8 and share what stood out to you, what was helpful, and what would you like to learn more.

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