

Small Group Questions

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Series: Grow

Message: "In Faithfulness"

This series will unpack the "fruit of the Spirit" listed in Galatians 5:22-23. Each week, one of the characteristics will be explained and applied to our lives from one primary passage. The "fruit of the Spirit" is all about the defining "look" of followers of Jesus and what followers of Jesus can become through the transforming power. Information is a good thing. If, however, information becomes the 'end game' for spiritual growth, it will not be result. Instead, information helps transformation when it assists a believer to become more like Jesus, which is what the list of characteristics describes. What are we becoming? This series gives us a bullseye but it is certainly not a one-time event or a short-term effort. Pursuit of the "fruit of the Spirit" endures and leads us closer to the One who gave Himself for us so that we could experience a whole new kind of life together with Him. We cannot achieve the "fruit of the Spirit" in our own power. We need God's help.

The main goal of this series is for people to experience personal transformation and to aim for the kind of life to which God call them, namely, a life defined by the "fruit of the Spirit."

Thank you once again for you service to God by loving the people in your group!

(Questions to get everyone to participate)

1. If you could only eat one type of fruit for the rest of your life, what fruit would you choose?
2. In your own words, what is faithfulness?

(Questions based on the primary texts)

Read Galatians 5: 13-17 & 5:22-23.

3. Paul talks about freedom in vs 13, and the opportunities we have that come with it. What are these opportunities he's speaking of?
4. In vs 17 Paul writes about the opposing forces of the Spirit and the flesh. Describe some examples on what that might look like to you?
5. Fruit is used by Paul as the analogy of growth in the Spirit. It is also used by David in Psalm 1. What do you think the significance is by using fruit as analogy?
6. Read Hebrews 11:1. If "faith" is defined as the author writes, what then is "faithfulness?"
7. Read Psalm 13. You can hear and feel David's anguish in verses 1-4, but his tone changes in verses 5-6. Can you relate? Would you/do you respond the same way? Why do you suppose David responds with such words?
8. *Risky: If faithfulness is perhaps choosing to praise God despite the circumstances you're facing, or when you're in a valley, what valleys are you facing now that make it challenging?
9. Using John 13:35 as an example of living out faithfulness, what is one way you can apply this?