



Many of us prefer to run from conflict, but Paul wants us to know that we grow as we battle. It is the Holy Spirit confronting our fleshly desires that leads us to be conformed to the image of Jesus. As this unfolds over time, we increasingly bear the fruit of the gospel.

- Read Galatians 5:16-25

REFLECT (10 Minutes)

How would you describe the effect of this week's sermon on you?

Was there anything new or interesting that grabbed you from the teaching Sunday?

DIG DEEPER (20-30 Minutes)

According to Galatians 5:16-25 can we see ourselves in the battle of flesh vs Spirit? Share an example of where you experience the battle Pastor Darren talked about this weekend. What does this battle look like in your life?

Why do Christians do things which are contrary to the Holy Spirit? What are the results?

Talk about what Paul means by "they will not inherit the Kingdom of God" (Gal 5: 21)? What type of people is Paul talking about? How do verses like this sit with you?

How can we "keep in step" with the Holy Spirit?

What do you think is the root of the contrast between the two ways of living described here ("works of the flesh" verses "the fruit of the Spirit")?

How have you seen the fruit of the Spirit develop in your life (v. 22-23)?

Or, in what ways has the Spirit made you Holy?

To walk in the Spirit is to be conformed to the image and likeness of Jesus. How does this idea sit with you?

RESPOND (10-15 Minutes)

Where in your life do you still need to fight the flesh?

In what areas of your life can you more fully walk by the Spirit?

PRAY (10 Minutes)

Take some time to pray for one another. Pray that God would shape your mind, your heart, and your life by the Gospel. Pray that the Gospel (the good news of Jesus alone) would become more clear to you through this sermon series and that as it becomes more clear it would shape and form your life more fully.

LEADER NOTES

These questions are a guide; feel free to use/exclude ones as people may have already answered the question or talked about the theme OR if your group takes a long time to tackle one particular theme it's ok to skip over questions in the interest of time/focus.