

LIFE GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:13-24

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MEMORY VERSE

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.” (Galatians 5:22–23, ESV)

DISCUSSION STARTERS

What is the purpose of the Fruits of the Spirit? Consider the following:

- Give you power to fulfill your destiny in Christ
- Draw people to God through you
- Show God’s glory and love
- Encourage others

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read Galatians 5:13-24 as a group.

1. Compare and discuss the works of the flesh compared to the fruits of the Spirit.

Works of the Flesh

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sexual immorality• Impurity• Sensuality• Idolatry• Sorcery | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Enmity• Strife• Jealousy• Fits of anger• Rivalries | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissensions• Divisions• Envy• Drunkenness• Orgies |
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Fruits of the Spirit

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Love• Joy• Peace | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patience• Kindness• Goodness | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Faithfulness• Gentleness• Self-control |
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2. What does a person's actions tell you about them?
3. Is the "fruit" in Galatians 5:22-23 attitudes or actions, or both?
4. Why does Paul refer to "fruit" as a singular "fruit" rather than the plural "fruits"?

All Fruits from the Galatian list are describing the first fruit, love. Love encapsulates the purpose and role of fruit, and thus, our furthestmost goal, as followers of Christ, is to do all things in love. Review the following verses regarding love and discuss how loving others is lived out through each biblical example:

- Love of the poor – Matthew 25:34-40
- Love through serving – Luke 10:35-37
- Love that forgives – Matthew 18:21-25
- Love with our words – James 3:3-12

GROUP ACTIVITY

Break into smaller groups of 2-3 people and share which of the works of the flesh you are currently struggling with. Take turns praying for victory in these areas for one another.

Next, share what fruits of the Spirit you already see manifesting in your life. Pray for continued manifestation of the fruits of the Spirit for one another.

This week commit to praying for one another that the Holy Spirit would manifest more of the "fruit" in your lives.

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