

Follow up Questions from message on Sunday, June 18, 2017

Exchanged: Living Through the Spirit – Guiding Life

Reread Galatians 5:22-26

We need the Holy Spirit to empower us to follow the fruits of the spirit – love, patience, kindness... We can't do it on our own; but the Spirit can do it through us. We need to commit to the process of learning to keep in step with the Spirit.

1. The Christian Church teaches that Jesus came in order to 'forgive sins' and yet there is so much more Jesus gives to our lives. Why do you think the focus has weighed more heavily on the forgiveness of sins?
2. Have you ever felt guilty about your ability or inability to live a 'Christian' life?
3. How do you know the difference between making decisions based on "your way" vs God's way?
4. Read Galatians 5: 16: *Live by the spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.* What do you think Paul means by live by the spirit?
5. In the message Pastor Jon explained that living with "the good angel bad angel" approach to a decision is still a losing proposition, why?
6. Have you ever been envious of someone who does not try to live 'according to the spirit?'
7. Read Galatians 5: 22 as a picture of where the spirit wants to take you. What would you add or take away from that list?
8. Why would the need to 'always be right' create relational conflict?
9. The life of the spirit is pro-relational. Where is the spirit nudging/challenging you in your relationships this week i.e. reconciliation, forgiveness, loving someone who is different from you.
10. Share with the group the relationship from 9 so that they can help keep you accountable.