

Galatians

10. What part do the Galatians, and we, play in growing these fruit?
What does that look like?

11. How practically can we keep in step with the Spirit? How could we ensure we are out of step with the Spirit?

12. What encourages you as you study this passage? What challenges you? What will you do as a result?

Study 8

Galatians 5v16-26 – Fleshy or Fruitful?

1. What does it look like to live by the Spirit?

Read Galatians 5v16-26

2. What is the big contrast Paul makes in these verses?

3. What encourages you? What questions do you have?

Galatians 5v16-18 – Flesh v Spirit

4. What are the different ways to live Paul describes here?

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5. How do we experience that same conflict within us? How might we resolve it wrongly? How do we resolve it rightly? And what would each look like?

Living by the Flesh – 5v19-21

6. What are the acts of the flesh and where do they lead?

Living in step with the Spirit – 5v22-26

7. How is life in step with the Spirit different?

8. What does the word fruit tell us about how the Spirit works?

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The Fruit of the Spirit

Love - we reflect God's love, that pursues, protects, challenges, comforts, is active, costly and sacrificial.

Joy - delight, gladness or happiness not in plans, possessions, people or circumstances but in God.

Peace - not the absence of conflict but knowing and enjoying the reality that we are right with our Sovereign God and reconciled to others.

Patience - is bearing with others, refusing to retaliate, and modelling grace in any circumstance.

Kindness - is showing generosity to others, serving them even if it makes us vulnerable because we are secure in Christ.

Goodness – being the same person in every situation, without hypocrisy or fakery as you serve others.

Faithfulness - is loyalty and trustworthiness no matter what in word and action.

Gentleness – is humility and self-forgetfulness that encourages others in Christ.

Self-control - is exercising discipline and judgement by the Spirit, recognising the important over the urgent, wrong desires over right desires, and determining to fight the battle.

9. What strikes you about the fruit of the Spirit?