



Adult and Teen Life Groups Conferencing Guide

SERMON DATE: 09/08/2019
DISCUSSION DATE: 09/15/2019
TEXT: GALATIANS 5:16-21

I. THE FRUIT OF A DISCIPLE IS DETERMINED BY THE SUBMISSION OF OUR HEART

A. Submission to the Spirit is Demanded and Rewarded.

- Galatians 5:16

B. Submission to the Spirit is a Battle of Affections taking place in our inner man.

- Galatians 5:17-18

What happens when a disciple allows the flesh to win the battle?

What does law keeping and have to do with being Spirit led?

C. Failure to live in Submission to the Spirit produces BAD fruit.

- Galatians 5:19-21.

1. Submitting To Your Flesh Leads To Sexual Immorality.
2. Submitting To Your Flesh Corrupts Worship.
3. Submitting To Your Flesh Causes Broken Relationships.
4. Submitting To Your Flesh Destroys Moral Order.

D. Living In Submission To The Flesh Ends With Eternal Destruction.

- Galatians 5:21

ASK GOD FOR WISDOM TO APPLY HIS WORD IN OUR DAILY LIVES

What does God want us to desire/value?	What does God want us to know?	What does God want us to do?
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1. Read **Psalm 111:1-2; 112:1; 25:4; 86:11; 119:33**. How does our understanding (i.e. how we define) discipleship impact our daily life? What do these verses in Psalms teach us about following the Lord?
2. **Read Galatians 5:13-15**. How do believers use “Christian” liberty as an opportunity to satisfy the desires of their flesh? Why has God delivered His children from the dominion of sin (i.e. living to fulfill the desires of our flesh)? Why was the church in Galatia experiencing conflict? What was the conflict and evidence of in their spiritual lives?
3. **Read Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 5:18**. Explain the command to “WALK in the SPIRIT” as it applies to our daily lives? How does the contrast in Ephesians 5:18 help us to understand “being filled by the Spirit?” What “Christian” liberty” does this text put off limits?
4. **Read Galatians 5:16**. What promise does God want us to live by? How can we put this promise into our daily lives (i.e. live it – not just say we believe it)? What are the only two possibilities for the source of our every decision/reaction/pursuit?
5. **Read Galatians 5:17-18**. Where do we face our greatest battle against sin? Why is it hard to love God with all of our hearts? Why do we like to substitute law keeping in place of walking in the Spirit? Why does law-keeping fail to keep us from satisfying our flesh?
6. **Read Galatians 5:19-21**. Describe the dominate fruit that comes from satisfying our fleshly desires? How does this text help us understand **Romans 7:18**? How does our culture teach us to blame others for broken relationships? How does this text teach us to think about the brokenness we experience in relationship with others? How has our culture’s indulgence in sin impacted the moral order of our society?
7. **Read Galatians 5:21**. How can we know when a sinful choice has become a practice? When sinful choices become a practice, what does that say about the spiritual condition of the person? How should this warning impact our lives? How do we know if we are talking this warning seriously?
8. Read and apply this quote: “The world, the flesh, and the devil tell us to pursue our sin, to enjoy our sin, to go deeper and deeper into our sin, to identify ourselves by our sin, to become our sin. God’s Word tells us to identify our sin, to hate our sin, to destroy our sin.”