

Fruit of the Spirit - Week 11 – Recap

SERMON RECAP:

Growing in the Fruit Of The Spirit happens when we learn to live in step with Spirit.

SUMMARY REMINDERS:

1. The fruit doesn't come from us, but from the Spirit (Gal 5:22-23)
2. The Spirit is always at war with our flesh (Gal 5:16-17)
3. We are called to walk in step with the Spirit (Gal 5: 16-17, 24-25)
4. Living by the Spirit leads to freedom, but living by the flesh leads to slavery (Gal 5:1, 13)
5. The freedom of Spirit comes through faith in Christ, not our good works (Gal 2:16; 3:1)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Was there anything in this sermon that stood out or hit home for you?
2. Read the fruit of the Spirit from Gal 5:22-23. As you reflect on this series, which of the fruit do you know God is ripening in your life? Explain.
3. Most of us go through life with very little awareness of the ongoing battle between the Spirit and the flesh. What keeps us from living with a constant awareness of that battle?
4. When you think about walking in step with the Spirit, day by day, what is one practical step you can take to pay attention to the leading of the Spirit.
5. We learned about how freedom is not just doing whatever you want to do, but rather doing what you were designed to do. In what way is living in step with the Holy Spirit actually freeing to us?
6. Take a moment on the fact that you are saved by Christ's works, and not your own. How does this truth apply when you find yourself living out of step with the Spirit, and giving into the flesh?

Note: The first fruit of the Spirit is love. Take a few moments to simply discuss what big things are going on in your lives. Listen well. Perhaps find ways to encourage and serve one another. As you pray for things below, also pray for one another's needs.

PRAYER:

1. Pray that God would make us a church that is growing in the fruit of the Spirit.
2. Pray for UBC to be a church that learns to walk in step with the Spirit, day by day.
3. Pray for the Lord to bring His person to UBC to fill the role of the Assistant Pastor of Care and Connections.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES:

1. *Cultivating the Fruit of the Spirit* by Christopher J.H. Wright
2. *The Fruitful Life* by Jerry Bridges