



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Walking By the Spirit

- 1 **Understanding “Walking by the Spirit” in Daily Life**
- Reflect on Galatians 5:16-18. What does it truly mean to “walk by the Spirit” in the context of your everyday experiences?
 - The Apostle Paul portrays the Christian journey as an ongoing choice between following the guidance of the Spirit and giving in to the desires of the flesh. Consider the habits, attitudes, or practices that you actively engage in to align yourself with the Spirit’s direction throughout a typical week.

- 2 **The Necessity of Intentionality in Spiritual Growth**
- Why do you believe that fostering spiritual growth demands intentional efforts? Referencing scripture such as 1 Timothy 4:7-8 and Philippians 2:12-13 can provide insight.
 - During the sermon, it was emphasized that “spiritual growth is not accidental.” Ponder the intentional spiritual disciplines or deliberate choices you have made that have significantly contributed to your growth in faith.

- 3 **Overlooked “Works of the Flesh” in Today’s Christian Culture**
- Identify which “works of the flesh” are often easy to overlook or justify within the context of contemporary Christian culture. You may want to consider Galatians 5:19-21 and James 1:19-20 as guiding references.

- 4 **Desiring Growth in the Fruit of the Spirit**
- Out of the various fruits of the Spirit, which one do you feel a strong desire to cultivate in your life at this moment? Refer to Galatians 5:22-23 and John 15:4-5 for context.
 - Choose one specific fruit of the Spirit that you sense God is actively developing within you. Can you identify situations or challenges that tend to test your growth in this area the most?

- 5 **The Mind of Christ and Our Treatment of Difficult People**
- How does possessing “the mind of Christ” influence the way we interact with challenging individuals in our lives? Scripture passages such as Philippians 2:2-8 and Romans 12:18 can provide valuable insights.
 - The sermon challenged us to extend love to difficult neighbors and strive for peace with others. What aspects of this can prove to be challenging, and in what ways can the Spirit equip us to respond more compassionately and effectively?

- 6 **The Impact of Kindness and Goodness as Witnesses**
- In what ways can acts of kindness and goodness serve as powerful testimonies to those around us? Ephesians 4:32 and Matthew 5:16 can offer meaningful perspectives.
 - The sermon encouraged us to notice and uplift those who are often overlooked. Can you share a personal experience where someone’s kindness deeply affected you? How might simple, deliberate actions reflect Christ’s love to others in your community?

- 7 **A Church Community Walking in Step with the Spirit**
- What does it look like for a church community to collectively “keep in step with the Spirit”? Consider the context of Galatians 5:25-26 and Ephesians 4:1-3 as you reflect on this question.

