

# STUDY GUIDE

## We the Church 10.18.2020

### [setting it up]

Share your initial thoughts on the sermon from this week. Was there anything that you particularly disagreed with or that caught you off guard?

What was your primary take-away personally?

### [digging deeper]

Read Galatians 5:16-26 and Titus 1:5-9. Create a list of the things that an elder should NOT be and compare it with the works of the flesh.

Create a list of things that an elder SHOULD be and compare them to the list of the fruit of the Spirit. Is there anything that you feel is missing from these lists? Why do you think that the things you mentioned were left out of the qualifications for elders?

Ask the Group: How do we grow in the fruit of the Spirit - and share your thoughts.

Read John 15:1-11 - Does this text offer any insight into an answer to the previous question.

### [living it out]

In church and in Christian circles we often come back to this phrase from John 15 - Abide in Christ. HOW do we abide in Christ?

Now - time to get serious, honest, and vulnerable. If you are in a mixed group, split the men and women up into separate groups.

With your group, talk about an area of your life where we're not currently abiding in Christ, or are being disobedient to the commands of the Lord.

Are you willing to ask for accountability for the others and commit to being open and honest?

Here are some accountability questions that might be helpful for your group to ask one another on a regular basis to help us all abide in Christ and grow in the Fruit of the Spirit.

1. Have you been a testimony this week to the greatness of Jesus Christ with both your words and actions?

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2. Have you been exposed to sexually alluring material or allowed your mind to entertain inappropriate thoughts about someone who is not your spouse this week?
3. Have you lacked any integrity in your financial dealings this week, or coveted something that does not belong to you?
4. Have you been honoring, understanding and generous in your important relationships this past week?
5. Have you damaged another person by your words, either behind their back or face-to-face?
6. Have you given in to an addictive behavior this week? Explain.
7. Have you continued to remain angry toward another?
8. Have you secretly wished for another's misfortune so that you might excel?
9. Did you finish your reading this week and hear from the Lord? What are you going to do about it?
10. Have you been completely honest with me?