

STUDY GUIDE



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[start with prayer]

Missions Prayer Focus this week:
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[set up]

Share about a time that you have felt led by the Holy Spirit. Share about a time that you have been led by the flesh.

[digging deeper]

Read Galatians 5:16-26.

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Which of these verses made you pause and think? Why?

One overarching theme in Galatians is freedom. How does this section relate to the freedom that Christ has given us?

Why do you think it is important that “fruit” is used instead of “fruits?”

A litmus test is often used to determine if a liquid is acidic or alkaline. Putting the paper in the liquid causes it to change a specific color. In the same way that this paper reveals the essence of the liquid, how does this list in verses 18-23 reveal the essence of your desires?

Now, given the results of this “litmus test” of your life, what is your initial response? Try harder to be loving, joyful, peaceful, etc.? Or do you desire to listen to the Spirit?

Verse 24 speaks of crucifying the flesh. This means living a life of self-denial to what the flesh desires. What are some ways that this may play out in life? What are some truths of the Gospel that need to be remembered?

[living it out]

What is one way you have learned to walk by the Spirit in your life? (Write it down and share with your group.)

What is one way you will seek to crucify the flesh? (Write it down and share with your group.)

[end with prayer]

Pray with each other over the areas in which you need to grow in your walk with Christ based on this study.