

LIFE GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Fruit of the Holy Spirit Series

These questions are for the **June 22, 2025** message, **“Walk by the Holy Spirit.”** Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 5:16-25) together to set the context for our study.

Passage Outline

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Genesis 1:1-2: The Holy Spirit in the Trinity.
- John 15:26: sent from the Father and the Son.
- John 16:8: Sent to convict the world regarding sin and righteousness and judgment.

2. What is he doing in the church today?

- He changes our desires (Gal 5:16-21).
- He changes our character (22-24).
- He changes our lives (24-25).

Life Group Discussion Questions

1. Based on #1, above: Throughout the Scripture, God is revealed as Trinity: 3 in 1. The Holy Spirit has been sent by the Father and the Son to teach the truth of God’s Word and reveal the glory of God’s Son (John 15:26). How has the Holy Spirit helped you understand and apply the Word of God to your life? How has he helped you identify Jesus as Messiah over and over again?
2. Based on #1, above (John 16:8: sin, righteousness and judgment): It is the Holy Spirit who convicts the world to receive Jesus (to reject him is “sin”), that only Jesus is “righteous” and that living life according to our own authority is foolishness because there is a “judgment” to come. In what ways can you live with more faith and trust that the Holy Spirit is always working?
3. Based on #2, above: The Holy Spirit changes our desires. In what ways do experience the conflict of the old self (“desires of the flesh”) vs. the new (“desires of the Spirit”)? How is the Holy Spirit working freedom (5:13), forward progress (“walk,” v. 16) and real life (v. 25)?
4. Based on #2, above: The 9 aspects of the fruit of the Spirit will all be ripening as we abide in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. Your character—the characteristics of who you are—will change / grow as you know God better. Discuss: The branch does not focus on the fruit; it focuses on the vine.
5. General: the Holy Spirit can sometimes does work ethereally: he gives a sense of God’s holiness, he fills people with awe, or he miraculously heals. But the typical, everyday way He accomplishes the mission of reaching the world with the good news of Jesus is through the changed desires and character of God’s holy people. We will be faithful and effective witnesses as the good news is proclaimed by people who are holy (changed). How do you see the Holy Spirit at work in our church family? Where are we strongest / weakest as a church family:
 - a. Faithfully proclaiming the good news?
 - b. Changing (holy) desires?
 - c. Changing (real fruit) character?