

Led by the Spirit  
(*The everyday, Extraordinary Gospel- Part 12*)  
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LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS:

Passage:

Galatians 5:16–26 (ESV):

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.

1. What struck you from the message? What questions do you have?

2. What does it mean to walk by the Spirit?

3. What are the desires of the flesh?

4. Why are the Spirit and the flesh opposed to one another? Share a personal example from your own life in which you have experienced this battle

5. Why are the desires of the flesh called "works" of the flesh when acted upon? Why are the desires of the Spirit called "fruit" when acted upon? Why does Paul distinguish between works and fruit? Why not use the same word?

6. Paul says that those who do the works of the flesh will not inherit the kingdom of God. Since we know God forgives sins, what does Paul mean? Is there a point at which you cannot be forgiven?

7. What does it mean to crucify the flesh? Give a practical example?

8. How is living by the Spirit different from keeping in step with the Spirit?

9. How can you be led by the Spirit, live by the Spirit, and keep in step with the Spirit more this week?