



SERMON DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Week of January 16 & 17, 2021

Please use these questions to stay connected as a church to meditate on the same sermon preached from God's Word this week. May this be a fruitful time for the building up of our church and for the spread of the gospel.

Sermon Text

Galatians 5:19 - 26

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Summary

The Gospel is transformative. It changes a person's future destiny as well as their present identity. A Christian, transformed by the Gospel, no longer walks habitually and unrepentantly in the flesh. Rather a Christian walks in the Spirit and bears the fruit of the Spirit.

Discussion Questions

1. The Bible teaches that when a person becomes a Christian, they will no longer live according to works of the flesh. (*sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these.*) Paul warns his readers that those who live according to the flesh, will not inherit the kingdom of God. And yet, at the same time, the Bible does not teach that Christians can and must live in sinless perfection if they are to be saved. How would you counsel a believer who still struggles with sin?
2. The Apostle Paul said that those who do the works of the flesh have no part in God's kingdom. Van Michael explained that those who do the works of the flesh are those whose lives are controlled and characterized by the

flesh and the sin it produces. He further explained that this does not mean that true Christians are sinless and perfect. Based on the above, when should a self-proclaimed Christian call into question their salvation based upon the way they live? In 2 Corinthians 13:5, the Apostle Paul exhorted his readers to “**Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith**”. What does it mean to examine oneself to see if you are in the faith?

3. As uncomfortable as Galatians 5:19-21 may make us feel, why is it absolutely necessary for us to hear, think about, and learn from passages such as this?
4. Galatians 5:22-24 describes the person who belongs to Christ Jesus; the person who has crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Describe how a true Christian acts, talks, thinks, and lives. What does it mean to crucify the flesh with its passions and desires?
5. For the Christian who finds themselves continuously struggling with sin, how does the truth of the Gospel set them free from their sin? Why is it important to preach the gospel to yourself every day? Why is it important to continuously press in closer to Jesus Christ?