

11-10-24 Facilitator “The Flesh vs. The Spirit”

Pray Together:

1. Worship the LORD as the Giver of life! Praise Him, rather, Son and Holy Spirit, for His Presence, the goodness of His commands, his power, and his leadership (see Psalm 23, the LORD is a Shepherd who leads us).
2. How are you spiritually barren, fractured relationally, or morally reckless? Confess your willfulness to Jesus asking Him to forgive you, and to change your heart to truly repent and trust in Him.
3. Give thanks to Jesus for coming to rescue us. Thank Him for obeying His rather about a tree and its fruit (the cross and our redemption) so that we could be saved for our disobedience about a tree and its fruit (the Garden and our sin).
4. Who do you know that shows very little fruit of the Holy Spirit (and it may be you)? Pray for them asking the Lord to help them turn from their pride and unbelief to trust Jesus to give them life.
5. Ask the Holy Spirit to bear in you his fruit of love. Pray for the Spirit's help in responding faithfully to His Presence, Authority, Power, and Direction, especially by the means He has given us to help you grow.

General Discussion Questions:

- What encouraged you from the sermon this morning?
- What illustrations or points resonated with you in your personal circumstances?
- What do you love more about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit from Galatians 4:8-20?

Specific Discussion Questions:

- How are we inherently designed for full-hearted connection, both with our Maker and our neighbors?
- How do we resist God's good design for us?
- Are you more at war or peace? What's your vulnerability that helps by temporarily bringing peace in the midst of the war?
- If the 'fruit of the Spirit' are not chiefly ethical guidelines, what if I turn to Jesus to own and source me? What if He re-defines my operating system?