



SERMON GUIDE

FRUIT OF THE GOSPEL

Galatians 5:13-26 | Pastor Tim Prince

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The Conversation Guide is a great tool for individuals, families, discipleship groups and Missional Communities to take a deeper, more personal dive into the content of the current sermon series. The Conversation Guide will be posted every Friday in the News & Blog section of our website. We encourage you to use it this week on your own, around your dinner tables, over coffee with your friends or in your Bible studies!

***QUESTIONS FOR KIDS!** Questions most suitable for children are marked with an asterisk.

Conversation Questions

1. When you were growing up, did your parents have any rules that were unique to your family? Were there any rules that other families had that your parents left you free to decide for yourself?

2. Read Galatians 5:13-26. What verse or phrase stands out to you most? Why?
 - a. "the flesh" in these verses is a reference to desires that are opposed to what God wants for us.

3. Paul begins: "You were called to freedom..." (v.13). What he means is that we are no longer obligated to keep the law of Moses, and we are also free from the condemnation of God's universal moral law because Jesus died for our sin.
 - a. What does Paul say that we have been set free to do?

 - b. How is this different from the world's understanding of freedom?

4. We're no longer "under the law" (v.18), and Paul says that the presence of the Spirit in our lives is what will restrain us from "gratifying the desires of the flesh." (v.16).
 - a. What do you think of this? Do you think this will "work"?

 - b. If this is true why do you think Christians still sin?

5. What do you think it means to "walk by the Spirit" (v.16), be "led by the Spirit" (v.18), "live by the Spirit" and "keep in step with the Spirit"? Give some specific examples.

6. Paul talks about "works of the flesh" and "fruit of the Spirit" to describe the results of our lives. What do these words ("works" and "fruit") teach about how the flesh and the Spirit operate differently in our lives?

You'll notice that both lists are very relational. These things get worked out in our relationships with each other. Is there any relationship in your life that is producing "works of the flesh"? Would you bring that situation to God in prayer right now and ask for his help to bear the fruit of the Spirit instead?