

The Fruit of Spirit – Bible Study

Galatians 5:13-26

For Starters

1. Is freedom with boundaries still true freedom?
2. Our culture largely thinks of personal freedom as pursuing and serving one's own desires.
 - Why is this idea so attractive?
 - Why does it fail to produce a fulfilling life?
 - Why does Galatians 5:13 make good sense?

Read Galatians 5:16-26

3. Do you sense the inner conflict and struggle described in v16-18? Why is it good news that you experience the struggle?
4. How do we or our culture trivialise and justify any of the attitudes and behaviours in v19-21?
5. What's the relationship between the fruit of the spirit and the gifts of the spirit (E.g. 1 Cor 12:8-11, Rom 12:6-8)? What is more important?
6. Which one of the Spirit's fruit do you find the most difficult? Or easiest? Give each other encouraging tips on what helps you to practice any of them ...
7. How might 'living by' and 'keeping in step with' the spirit (v25) resolve the sorts of things mentioned in v26?
8. How can we 'keep in step with the spirit' tomorrow? What 'step' might we take to 'keep in step with the Spirit'? (v16, 18, 25)

For Prayer

- Praise God for the freedom we have in Christ.
- Pray we'd surrender all areas of our life and character to the Lord Jesus for his renewing work so that we grow in his likeness by the power of the Spirit.
- Pray we wouldn't give up the fight against the flesh and in pursuit of the Spirit's fruit. Bring specific areas in need before him.