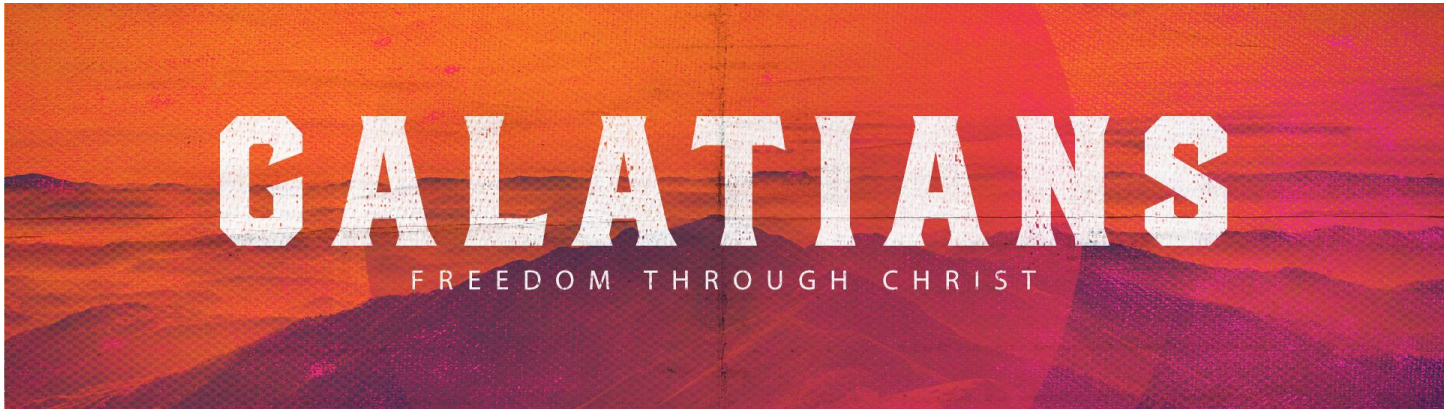


Sermon-Based Discussion Guide

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BIBLE PASSAGES -

Galatians 5 ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰ idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹ and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴ Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

John 16 ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:

John 15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes^[a] so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Others: Proverbs 3:5-7, 1 John 1:9

Connect:

Get to know each other. Connect, warm up to each other, and take time to fellowship.

Care:

Carry each other's burdens. Share life's challenges and practice Soul Care. Pray together.

Challenge:

1. The Greek word for "walk" (*peripateo*) means your ordinary, daily routine, while "led" (*ago*) means being guided like a sailboat in the wind. How does this change your view of the Holy Spirit? Are you trying to drive the ship, or are you catching His wind? (Gal 5)
2. Read John 15:4–5 and Acts 2:42–47. If apart from Jesus we can do *nothing*, why do we treat the Fruit of the Spirit like a moral checklist instead of a byproduct of staying connected to the Vine?
3. Think about the car illustration from the sermon (wanting it until you see the price tag). In our culture of comfort, what is the specific "price tag" or worldly comfort you hesitate to give up to be fully filled by the Spirit?
4. If "conviction of sin is just a dashboard sign" that we've stepped out of stride with the Spirit, why do we usually respond with guilt and condemnation instead of just turning back to our Helper?
5. Look at the area of your life where you feel the most weighed down, exhausted, or stuck right now. How can you practically hand that specific "yoke" over to the Helper this week instead of trying to fix it in your own strength?

Clarify:

Does anyone need clarity on something? Are there any big God questions you are wrestling with?

Celebrate:

Celebrate life's successes and God's provision. Worship God's presence. Time to brag about God.

KEY TAKEAWAYS