

CORNERSTONE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Life Group Study

To walk and be led by the Holy Spirit.

Christian counsellor/teacher Selwyn Hughes has found through his vast experience counselling people that "having a faulty understanding of God can suppress or restrict our spiritual growth". He also said the progress we make in our walk with God is determined by the way we see God.

Read Ephesians 1:13-14

- Discuss the quotes from Selwyn Hughes. What do you base your concept of God on?
- What does the seal of the Holy Spirit in our lives require for further transformation?
- What hinders you and helps you being led by the Holy Spirit?

Read Galatians 5:16-25 and 2 Corinthians 5: 17-19

- What has God done with our natural sinful desires?
- What happens when we don't/do follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in our lives?
- For the Holy Spirit to work continually in our lives what must we do?

Theologian Gordon Fee says that list of the fruit of the Holy Spirit is a list that is a mirror image of Christ himself. "The fruit of the Spirit is none other than the spirit producing in our lives the righteousness/goodness/integrity of God, Gods own very characteristics. Basically working in us to be a people who bear Gods likeness in our character as seen in our behaviour".

Read John 15:1-5

- What does remaining in Christ mean to you?
- What does the passage say you will produce if you remain in him?
- How do we become more fruitful?

Read Philippians 2: 1-16

What does it look like to live this out in our own lives and in our communities in the way God intends it to be?

According to the Apostle Paul it looks like knowing that the Spirit that resides in us and that as we stand strong in him we will be overcomers because He is stronger than our flesh. As the Holy Spirit empowers, guides, intercedes, comforts, convicts, teaches and equips us, good fruit is produced in our lives. The fruit of the Spirit is none other than the Spirit producing in our lives the righteousness/goodness/integrity of God, Gods own very characteristics.

- Discuss the above Philippians passage how does it challenge you?
- What does it look like to be unified in one in spirit and purpose?
- According to Paul what kind of attitude is Paul encouraging us to have in community?
- Knowing that God helps us to obey him and has given us his power to do what he wants, what do we have to do daily in our lives?