



Galatians: What Christians Really Look Like

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MAIN PASSAGE: GALATIANS 5:16-24

Use the following questions as a starting point for conversation:

1. Start your time together by each sharing a praise and giving God the glory for something that He did this week!
2. Read Galatians 5 together. In the first 12 verses, Paul is referencing people who were adding to the gospel and telling the Galatians they needed to do something (circumcision) in order to be right with God. He clearly believes that this is very dangerous. While you may not do this overtly with non-believers you encounter, do you find yourself doing this subconsciously? Are there people you realize you don't share the gospel with because their life isn't cleaned up enough? What should you do about that?
3. Paul says that the whole law is fulfilled in the command to love your neighbor as yourself (v. 14). How is this so?
4. Verses 19-21 talk about the works of the flesh. Like Josh said, we shouldn't throw this whole list out just because we think some of them don't apply to us. Think through these marks of the old self. Which ones are you still struggling with? Are there any you find yourself thinking really aren't a big deal? How can you change your attitude?
5. In verses 22-24, Paul introduces us to the **fruit** of the Spirit. Josh reminded us that fruit doesn't grow overnight. It can be disappointing to compare yourself today to yourself yesterday and not see fruit. But when you think further back to when you first believed and look at where you are now, it's easier to see how the Lord's brought about fruit. How have you seen the Spirit grow these fruits in your life over the last few years?
6. When it's hard to see fruit in your own life, sometimes it helps for others to point it out for us. Take a few minutes to encourage each other and share the fruit you see in the life of another group member!
7. **Men:** do you resonate with what Josh said about the manliness of the fruit of the Spirit? Is it hard to want to be these things in the world you live in? How can you change that attitude in your heart and in the culture around you? **Women:** have you seen this trend in culture also extending to women? Is it harder for you to be respected at your jobs or in other areas if you display these fruits? How can both genders encourage each other to grow in the fruit of the Spirit? Is there anything else from the sermon or passage that stood out to you or challenged you?
8. Who is someone in your life that you want to share the gospel with or have a conversation with about something we discussed tonight? Share that name with someone here and ask them to pray with you for an opportunity to talk with them.