



DISCUSSION GUIDE

READ

Galatians 5:13-24
Romans 8:1-5, 13

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. Did anything stand out to you about this week's sermon? Was there anything that surprised you, or that was new to you?
2. When Christians talk about the Holy Spirit and His work in our lives, what sorts of activities do they tend to focus on? What sorts of activities did we hear about in Galatians 5:13-24 and Romans 8:1-5 & 13? According to these passages, what elements of your "normal" Christian life are actually *supernatural*?
3. On Sunday, we learned that "walking by the Spirit" means setting our minds on the things of the Spirit (which primarily refers to the words of Scripture), and by receiving these words with faith (see Romans 8:5, 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, and Galatians 3:5). By this definition, how well are you "walking by the Spirit"? What can you do to grow more in this regard?
4. Romans 8:13 says that if by the Spirit we put to death the deeds of the body (i.e. sin), we will live. When you are faced with temptation, what is your main defence/offence against it? What are some specific temptations you face, and what would it look like for you to put them to death "by the Spirit"?
5. We ended the sermon this week with one big application point: read the Bible! What do your personal devotions look like? How often do you read God's Word? What steps are you taking to *understand* what you are reading? How can your brothers and sisters help you in your walk?
6. This week, we remembered that the Law was unable to produce love in us, but the Spirit who dwells in us does produce love in us. What are some practical ways that your brothers and sisters have shown love to you recently? What are some practical ways that you can show that love to your brothers and sisters?