

Life Group Notes & Discussion Guide, May 11th, 2025

Series: **“Living a Resurrected Life”**

Message: **“Walking by the Spirit”**

Sermon Text: **Galatians 5:16-26**; Old Testament Text: **Ezekiel 36:25-27**; Gospel Text: **John 16:13-15**. Read **Galatians 5:16-26** as you listen to the sermon, then answer the questions below.

1. Read **Galatians 5:16-17**. Why can we be sure if we *walk by the Spirit, we will not gratify the desires of the flesh*?
2. Read **Galatians 5:18**. Explain why those *led by the Spirit are not under the law*.
3. Read **Galatians 5:19-21**. Is this a complete list of the *works of the flesh*?

Name five obvious sins that are not listed here.

4. Why would most people be attracted to people who displayed the fruit of the Spirit?

Fruit bears seeds which reproduce the plants from which the fruit comes. What are we trying to reproduce through the fruit of the Spirit?

Why are people *led by the Spirit not under the law*?

5. Read **Galatians 5:24**. How well would you say you have *crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*?

How might recalling your baptism more often help you to do a better job of this?

6. Read **Galatians 5:25**. What does this verse mean to you?
7. Read **Galatians 5:26**. How could the three things named in this verse quickly ruin a person's witness for Christ?
8. What will you remember most from this message?

Discussion Guide for Your Life Group Meeting

- I. At your Life Group meeting, first read **Ezekiel 36:25-27** aloud. It can be helpful to have several people each read one verse from their Bible. This helps people feel involved and can also introduce some interesting discussion if several translations are used. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. When you read **Ezekiel 36:25**, what sacrament does it suggest to you?
 2. Look up **Romans 6:3**. According to this passage, what is it in baptism that cleanses us from our sins?
 3. Read **Ezekiel 36:26**. How will God accomplish this prophetic promise?
 4. What changes within us would signal that we no longer have a *heart of stone but now have a heart of flesh*?
 5. According to **Ezekiel 36:27**, what kind of changes will the reception of God's Spirit within us accomplish?

- II. Next read **John 16:13-15**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
 1. According to **John 16:13**, what very important revelation will the Holy Spirit give to those who receive Him?
 2. If we remain connected to the Holy Spirit, how will He help us to be ready for what lies ahead?
 3. In **John 16:14**, what is Jesus referring to when He says, "*he will take what is mine and declare it to you*?"
 4. When you read **John 16:15**, what does it make you think of the Holy Spirit's provision?

- III. Read **Galatians 5:16-26**, utilizing several group members to each read one verse aloud. After reading the passage discuss it. If you are having trouble stimulating discussion, you can try asking some of the following questions:
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 4. Name five obvious sins that are not listed here.
 5. Why would most people be attracted to people who displayed the fruit of the Spirit?
 6. Fruit bears seeds which reproduce the plants from which the fruit comes. What are we trying to reproduce through the fruit of the Spirit?
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8. Read **Galatians 5:24**. How well would you say you have *crucified the flesh with its passions and desires*?
9. How might recalling your baptism more often help you to do a better job of this?
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