

Questions from the Sermon

October 18, 2020

Read Galatians 5:1...13-26

1. During the message, Pastor Curt asked everyone to close their eyes and picture the 'perfect world'. Describe some things you imagined
 - What would definitely be IN a perfect world?
 - What would definitely NOT be in a perfect world?

2. Would Freedom be part of your perfect world?
 - what is the danger with people having freedom?
 - what is required usually to try to control people's freedom?
 - Why do you think God allows us to be free, and even says He came to set us free?
Isn't freedom part of the problem with our world?

3. Why do you think there is such a battle between our 'flesh' and the Spirit?
 - Why is our natural response so contrary to how the Spirit of God leads?

4. Why do we often tend to 'excuse' the behavior of our natural self?

5. Why is our conscience not a good enough guide for keeping us on track?
 - Give an example of something that used to be considered 'wrong', but now our world says is 'ok'
 - How has that impacted how good our conscience is in keeping us going the right way?

Read Matthew 11:28-30

6. What do you think it means when Jesus says, 'take my yoke upon you...'?
 - How is it different than our own yoke and how can Jesus say it's easy and light?
Isn't living for Jesus hard and challenging?

7. In Galatians 5, it says we are to 'walk by the spirit'. How do we do that?
 - What does that look like?

 - How do we know it's the Spirit guiding us and not our own wants or desires?

8. How are the fruit of the spirit counter-cultural? Why are they not natural?

9. Which fruit listed here do you consider most desirable and important for your life?
 - which fruit listed do you think is the hardest for many people to produce?

10. What can be the danger of seeking after these fruit in our lives?
 - Why is it important to understand the fruit is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in us?
 - What might some people try to do if they forget what the fruit represents?

11. What is the significance of 'fruit' being singular (rather than plural)?
 - Is it possible to show evidence of one fruit but not show evidence of others?

12. What habits can we do to help cultivate more 'spiritual fruit' in our lives?