

LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE:

(60-minute session—02-09-20)

Message Series: This series is about living, rather than just existing. It's about living an unlimited life in Christ. It's about confronting the obstacles that keep us from moving forward as faithful followers of Jesus. It's about challenging us to be so focused that we will no longer settle for merely existing.

TEXT: Galatians 5:22-23

Today's lesson provides context for Paul's words in Galatians 5. It also gives us fresh perspective on the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives.

I. Remote and Immediate Context:

What passage of scripture spoke about slaves being set free in the old testament? _____
What did you learn about slaves in the Old Testament?

What would happen to a slave who wanted to stay with his master? What responsibility did the master have, if his slave wanted to leave?

How did this passage relate to the Christian walk of freedom?

Now Read: Galatians 5:16-21. Can you name the two masters that war within us? In Galatians 5, what do we find Paul encouraging Christians to do? What can you and I learn from V16 and v18?

II. Take Home on The Holy Spirit:

1. When Galatians 5 talks about the _____ it is _____ to the Holy Spirit:

Who is the Holy Spirit? What did you learn about the Holy Spirit?

2. We receive the Holy Spirit at _____: (Read Acts 2:38; Acts 5:32)

QUESTION: How can we be sure we receive the Holy Spirit in Christian Baptism?

3. The Holy Spirit helps believers become _____ after conversion:

In Sunday's lesson we talked about the Holy Spirit working directly and indirectly. What does that mean?

4. Biblical descriptions of the Holy Spirit's sanctifying _____:

- A. The Holy Spirit _____ us (Romans 8:14; Galatians 5:18)
- B. The Holy Spirit helps us _____ temptation and sin (Romans 8:13; 1Cor 10:13; 1John 4:4)
- C. The Holy Spirit aids us in _____ (Romans 8:26-27)
- D. The Holy Spirit helps _____ our thoughts (Philippians 4:8; Colossians 3:1-2; Romans 5:8-9)
- E. The Holy Spirit produces the _____ of holiness in our lives (Galatians 5:22-23)