



## LEADER NOTES

**Important:** Start group time going over the guidelines, even if you think you know them all. Define them.

- **Keep conflict clear.** Paul shows that the flesh and the Spirit are opposed to one another. Help your group see that this inner battle is real and common for every believer.
- **Keep the focus on daily walking.** Life in the Spirit is not a one time moment but an ongoing pattern. Bring the conversation back to daily choices, habits, and rhythms.
- **Make it practical and personal.** Help people name one work of the flesh they need to reject and one fruit of the Spirit they want to cultivate. Push for real examples from everyday life.
- **End with dependence on the Spirit.** Real change does not come from trying harder alone. It comes from staying close to Jesus and keeping in step with the Holy Spirit.

- **Share & record prayer request.**
- **Ask a volunteer to close in prayer.**
- **Follow up throughout the week.**
- **PLEASE TAKE ATTENDANCE.**

June 1, groups will break from the regular curriculum. Small Groups will kick off on August 16, with curriculum starting back on August 23.



Monday, June 1 at 6:30 pm  
Men's Game Night at The Hub



Women's Summer Bible Study  
Wednesdays 9:30 am to 11:30 am  
June 3 - July 22  
Church - Office Building  
Connections Room

## TARGET

**Topic:** Walking in Step with the Spirit

**Take Away:** Walking by the Spirit is a daily way of life that rejects the flesh and produces the character of Christ.

**God Stories:** A God Story is an undeniable encounter or experience that creates an impact or breakthrough in a person's day-to-day life.

**Ice Breaker Question:** When life gets busy, what habit or pattern do you tend to fall back on first?

**This Week's Passage:** *Galatians 5:16-26*

**Share background:** *The Apostle Paul is addressing the churches in Galatia, a region influenced by diverse cultural and religious backgrounds. The Roman Empire's control brought stability but also pressure on religious groups, which often faced suspicion or persecution. These Galatian Christians were navigating the tension between Jewish law and the new faith in Christ, raising questions about circumcision and legal observance. Paul confronts the struggle between living under the law versus embracing the freedom offered by the Holy Spirit. The Galatian churches included people from various statuses, many of whom were marginalized who were finding new identity and community in Christ. Paul's teachings emphasize freedom in Christ and warn against returning to legalistic bondage. And now the story from God's Word.*

**Tell the story. Rebuild the story. Read the story from God's Word.**

**Head Question:** *Why does Paul describe these qualities as the fruit of the Spirit instead of the works of the Spirit?*

**Heart Question:** *Which pattern of the flesh do you find yourself battling most right now?*

**Hands Question:** *What is one Spirit led rhythm you will practice to help you walk in step with Him?*

**ASSIGN NEXT WEEKS STORY:** Ephesians 1:13-14; 4:30

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