The Fruits of the Spirit Love

How was your week?

Are you having Spiritual struggles we can help you with? Which fruit of the Spirit do you feel is your strongest? Which fruit of the Spirit do you struggle with the most? Why? If you could change one personality trait in yourself, what would you change?

Galatians 5:13-26

*How much should we rely on the Holy Spirit for guidance and power in our lives? *Why do Christians tend to excuse the behavior of their old nature?

*How can a someone cultivate the character qualities of the Holy Spirit in his or her life?

*How do you see the character of the Holy Spirit growing in your life?

*Why does Paul use the word "walk?"

*How can one walk by the Spirit?

*Who has the struggle which Paul describes in verse 17?

*Why do you think Paul lists out deeds of the flesh? What is "the flesh?"

*If you look at this list and notice that you often fall into one or more of these sins, what should you do?

*What will happen to the people who do these things?

*How can we be more Spirit filled and therefore have the self-control we need to avoid these sins?

*What contrast does the "but" in verse 22 introduce?

*How can we be more fruitful in these areas?

*What does Paul mean that "against such there is no law?"

*What does verse 24 mean?

*How do we crucify the flesh with its passions?

1 John 4:7-21

*John begins this passage with a command to love one another. John then goes on to explain that loving is proof that one knows God and is born of God. Why is this true?

*Does this mean that apart from God we cannot really love?

*What does it mean that "God is love"?

*How does our culture define love?

*How does the Bible define love?

*What does your love look like?

*Compare God's love with the world's love. How does the difference between them help us to better answer question 2 above?

Matthew 23:25-24 Lamentations 3:40 1 Corinthians 11:28 2 Corinthians 13:5 Acts 2:38 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 2 John 6 1 Corinthians 13:13