



Series: Thriving in Grace

Passage: Galatians 3:1-16, Galatians 5:16-26

Title: How to Lead a Spirit Led Life

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Discussion Starter – The term “Spirit Led Life” is a church term that means different things to different people. What might your un-churched neighbor assume about you if you shared your desire to walk in the spirit? What other misunderstandings possibly accompany this language within the larger, worldwide community of believers?

Read Galatians 5:16-26

1. How does Paul describe the Spirit/flesh conflict in these verses in a way that is understandable and clear?
2. How do Paul’s definitions of the spirit/flesh conflict described in this section provide an explanation of the source of evil in the world? (read James 4:1)
3. Notice the different descriptors used with spirit and flesh, (walk/fulfill, led/under, works of the flesh/fruit of the Spirit). What do these terms reveal about how we interact differently with flesh and spirit?
4. What two options do we have for going through life?
5. What actions on our part lead to enslavement? What freedom does Jesus offer us? (John 8:34-36 and Romans 8:13)

Read Galatians 2:21-3:9

6. What specific questions does Paul ask the Galatians in these verses? What is the obvious conclusion?
 - a. What role do deeds and lifestyle play when measuring your relationship with Jesus?
7. What is the difference between “works of the Law” and “hearing of faith” in verse 5? Why does it matter?
8. What was Abraham’s act of faith? What was he responding to? What were the results? (Genesis 15:1-6)
 - b. What was your act of faith? How is your initial act of faith a template for your walk in faith today? (What 4 points were given in the message about living a Spirit led life?)
9. What signs and attitudes are common in a life lived in self (flesh) reliance?
 - c. How do you respond when these signs begin to creep into your life?
 - d. Is your response motivated from faith or obedience?

Read Galatians 3:10-14

10. Why does Paul say we can never escape the consequences of sin by adhering to the works of the law?
11. Why did Jesus identify fully with humanity and man’s experience, from birth, through humiliation, to death?
 - e. Describe what is included in “the promise of the Spirit” that we can receive through faith. (verse 14)