

sermon reflections

1. What does it mean to walk by the Spirit? How would you explain this concept to someone new in the faith?

2. Why should we make war against the flesh? What does waging war against the flesh entail?

3. Summarize the two lists Paul gives. What is the most significant difference between the two lists? Why might knowing that be important?

4. What does it mean to “mortify the flesh”? How does someone go about doing that?

5. How does the gospel help us to mortify the flesh and to live by the Spirit? Should we expect to do this perfectly? Why, or why not?

6. How can your small group encourage you to grow in killing the flesh and keeping in step with the Spirit? How can you help others?

Galatians 5:16-23

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.