

Life Group Lesson - Week of 1/21

This lesson is based on Galatians 5:16-26

Highlight

One of the best ways to highlight Scripture is to look for repeated phrases or themes. When the author says something again and again, it clues the reader to what his primary theme might be. A second study skill is to look for contrasting words.

- Highlight a verse or words that stick out to you.
- Highlight the contrasting words between the works of the flesh and the fruit of the Spirit.

Explain

In this portion of our study, we're intending to figure out John's meaning to his original audience, as well as those of us who read this today. **Remember, the Bible cannot mean what it never meant.**

- Why are the works of the flesh in opposition to the fruit of the Spirit and vice versa?
- What does walk by the Spirit mean and how can you do this in your life?

Apply

This is now the portion of our study where the rubber meets the road. While the text CAN ONLY have one meaning, there are several different ways it can apply to our lives today.

- Which of the works of the flesh is our culture most infatuated by? Which one are you most infatuated with?
- Based on the fruit of the Spirit, where have you seen growth in your life of these attitudes?

Respond

According to Daniel Akin at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, "Observation + Interpretation, w/o Application = Constipation."

- What do you need to do this week to keep in step with the Spirit?
- What vice (work of the flesh) do you need to begin to crop (surrender) this week, if any?