

DISCUSSIONNOTES

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Read **Galatians 5:22-23**. Discuss which fruits you struggle with the most and why. How do you believe you act differently when the Holy Spirit is inside you? Explain. What fruit do you feel you have the most of?

Christians must be proactive in initiating change in our lives. We can't just sit back and say the Holy Spirit will change us. We must desire that change for our lives. Read **John 13:35**. Do you believe our love points the world to God? If yes, how so? The deeper your roots grow in Jesus the more you love people. Why is that true and how do your own roots grow in Jesus?

Read **Colossians 1:18**. Far too many Christians don't give everything to God. They give some of their life, but not all of it. Why is it sometimes hard to trust God with everything? Scripture commands us to give our ALL to the Lord our God. Read **Matthew 22:37-38**. When Jesus is the center of your life, you surround yourself with people who have the same values and you can hold each other accountable. Do you have these kinds of loving relationships in your life?

When growing as a Christian in our walk, love is required. Showing love to others and receiving love from others. When you first become a believer, you are hungry for God's word and listening to teachers. But as you continue to grow, your primary growth comes from relationships with others and serving alongside them. Read **Philippians 2:3-4**. Why is serving with others and having relationships with people important? How have you seen this be a positive influence in your own life? Explain one instance with the group.

In our toughest trials, it is the love shown by others that encourages us the most. Read **Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**. The Christian life was never meant to be alone. We are called to love one another and serve alongside one another for the glory of God. When we love, we sacrifice for others. How was God's love for us the ultimate sacrifice? How can we show others this kind of love? The Holy Spirit is the one who produces this kind of love in our lives! Read **John 3:16**.

Close by grabbing a piece of paper and write down one fruit of the spirit and then put them all in a pile. Have each person take a paper and close in prayer, each person praying for the person on their right, that the fruit they got, they practice and learn from in this series.