



## Discussion Questions • Galatians 5:16-23

1. Do you ever feel like there is a fight going on inside of you between good and evil?
  - a. Is this normal for all Christians?
  - b. Can you ever be free from this battle in this life? Why or why not?
2. Do you think people who aren't Christians have the same kind of battle going on inside of them?
  - a. Can they win that fight? Why or why not?
3. Can you be a genuine Christian and regularly display the "works of the flesh" described in verses 19-21? Why or why not?
4. What's the difference between a genuine Christian who is fighting against the flesh, but sometimes succumbing to its desires and the "Christian" in name only who displays the works of the flesh described in verses 19-21?
  - a. Surely Paul isn't suggesting that Christians need to never commit any of the sins listed here in order to be genuine, or is he? Explain your answer.
5. Read James 2:14-26.
  - a. Do you think most people define the faith that saves the same way James does? In other words, do you find this passage surprising to you?
  - b. Read Galatians 5:16-23. How do the verses in James explain further what Paul is getting at in this passage?
6. Describe specific examples of when you have seen certain "fruit of the Spirit" (love, joy, peace, patience, etc.) in your Christian friends and family.
  - a. Do you tell them when you see it? Should you? Why or why not?
7. What does Galatians 5:16 guarantee?
  - a. How does it say that can be done?
  - b. How would you counsel someone who struggles with a particular sin to be winning the fight?

**OPTIONAL:** What is one thing you sense the Holy Spirit prompting you to do based on what you learned from this past week or from this series on the Holy Spirit?

### Wrap Up and Prayer

Pray for each other what was shared along with other requests.