

“Walking By the Spirit”

(1) Getting Started	(3) Questions?
<p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader: Take prayer requests and spend time as a group in prayer, either at the beginning or ending of the meeting. <p>Scripture Memory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can anyone recite Galatians 5:1 or any other verses that we have memorized this semester? Continue to challenge each other to memorize God’s Word. 	<p>Think About It</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Garden of Eden: it was possible to sin and it was possible not to sin • After Genesis 3: it was only possible to sin, and impossible not to sin • After the cross: it is possible to sin and it is possible not to sin • In the New Heavens & Earth: it will be <i>impossible</i> to sin! (i.e. True Freedom!) <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Often times, Christians say that they wish we could go back to the Garden of Eden. Why should we long for the New Heavens and New Earth instead?
(2) Read Scripture	(4) Application
<p>Read</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galatians 5:16-26 <p>Discuss</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How were you taught to avoid sin in your Christian upbringing? (i.e. were you told “not” do certain things, or were you encouraged to “walk by the Spirit?”) • Was the demonstration of walking in two directions helpful in understanding why we can’t sin while walking by the Spirit? • Were there any works of the flesh that Paul lists that surprised you? Why or why not? • Why do you think works of the flesh are called “works” while the fruit of the Spirit is called “fruit”? 	<p>Application</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you are willing to share, what “works of the flesh” have been the biggest struggle for you in your Christian life? • In what ways have you tried to deal with those sins in the past? • What would “walking by the Spirit” look like in that situation? (Remember: you can’t sin in that way if you are “walking” in the opposite direction) • How can this group hold you accountable to doing that? <p>Memorize</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galatians 5:16