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### Have Some Fruit—Goodness

**Galatians 5:22-23; Galatians 5:19-21; Acts 10:38; Luke 8:40-48; Galatians 6:7-10; Proverbs 11:18; Proverbs 22:8-9; Matthew 7:12; Isaiah 40:29-31;**

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### DAILY DEVOTION

Find a rhythm in God's word this week! Follow this 3 day plan on your own or with your group!

<https://www.bible.com/reading-plans/27100-living-in-the-goodness-of-god>

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### INSPIRATION

“The more I studied this word in the Bible, the more one central concept seemed to jump out: God's goodness conveys His generosity. His goodness means far more than His generosity, but it certainly includes His infinitely generous attitude toward us. By nature, He longs to bring joy and blessing to all His creatures.” – David Jeremiah

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### ICE BREAKER

1. What do you love about Thanksgiving?
  2. Reading David Jeremiah's quote, how does God's goodness convey His generosity?
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### DEEP DIVE

#### Read this out loud

An excerpt from the message this week:

“So, the attribute that we are given when we live by the spirit is goodness.

Being filled with the Spirit of God is crucial – for living out the fruit of the Spirit.

Holy Spirit, you are welcome here – come flood this place and fill the atmosphere...

When we are singing – we are not asking him to do something in the room – or fill up the room – with his presence – we are asking him to fill the temple of the Holy Spirit...that is us. Fill me up with your presence, Lord...



I have been leaning in the wrong direction – I need more of you. Less of me.

I need you in my life so that I can be doing good.”

**Read Galatians 5:22-23, Galatians 5:19-21, and Galatians 5:24 and then answer the following questions:**

3. How do these two lists in Galatians 5 compare? How does knowing the “list of the flesh” impact your understanding of the fruit of the spirit?
4. How does the fruit of the Spirit help to overcome the temptations of the flesh?
5. After reading Galatians 5:24, what is a passion or desire that you need to crucify?

**Read this out loud**

An excerpt from the message this week:

“When you plant something – it takes a while before you have a harvest. That is the hard part – it takes time before you even see any fruit. That is the problem – we want it now.

If I do 5 pushups, I want to see results – now. If I eat a salad at lunch instead of a pizza, I want to see the results now. If I pray one time – I really expect to see results when I open my eyes. When I do something good – I would like to see that goodness-thing come back my way now. It just doesn’t work that way. Sowing is always about the future. That is why we envy people who seem to have things go their way – and we know they are not sowing much good. How come they get the promotion – how come they are getting married – how come they hit the lottery.

That is one of the reasons that it is easy to give up on the harder list. Being good – doing good is draining and often the harvest is years away.”

**Read Luke 8:40-48 and Galatians 6:7-10 and then answer the following questions:**

6. Have you been tempted to give up on doing good? What keeps you from giving up?
7. What are some seeds that you have planted that you are still waiting to grow?
8. What was something that impacted you from the message this week?

**Additional Study**

If you have time during your Small Group or you want to study more about the message topic, read and consider the following passages:

- Acts 10:38
- Proverbs 11:18
- Proverbs 22:8-9
- Matthew 7:12
- Isaiah 40:29-31



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## **NEXT STEPS**

9. Talk to someone you trust about a desire from Galatians 5:19-21 that you want to crucify.
10. Pray about ways to demonstrate goodness to others and to have the Spirit reveal when God is demonstrating goodness to you.

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## **PRAYER**

1. Pray for the person on your left.
2. Praise God for the things that He has blessed you with. Offer up a prayer of thanksgiving

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## **SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY**

Establish a regular rhythm of serving together! Below are some service opportunities.

- BENSON - Serve with us at ABIDE every 2nd Saturday.
- MILLARD - Serve with us at Heartland Hope every 4th Saturday.
- FREMONT - Serve with us at LifeHouse every 3rd Saturday.
- OMAHA - Serve with us at Open Door Mission every 4th Saturday.
- Or get to know your community, are there any needs/volunteer opportunities?