

Morning Star Church
Small Group Study
A.K.A.: The Optimizer, Walking in the Spirit

Message Synopsis: We learned last week about the gifts of the Spirit. We discovered the Holy Spirit wants to develop the spiritual gifts He equips us with for His Glory. This past weekend Pastor Keith taught us about Walking in the Spirit. We learned that we need to allow the Holy Spirit to permeate all areas of our life. The result will be an experience of God's power inside us, outside us in how we relate to others, and in our relationship with God.

So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature...But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Apostle Paul, Galatians 5:16, 22-25 (NIV)

Read these additional passages about walking in the Spirit:

Galatians 5; Romans 7:15-23; Colossians 3:12-15; Romans 8:9; Ephesians 4:1-3.

Answer these questions in your small group:

1. What has freedom meant to you as a citizen of the United States? What has been the price of your freedom? How do you show gratitude for your freedom? Share with your group how God has brought His freedom in your spiritual life.
2. Based on the verses you have looked at above, describe the kind of work that the Holy Spirit does in those who are surrendered to His direction. How does this work bring freedom in our lives?
3. What are the benefits of walking in the Spirit in our *inward* life?
4. With the Holy Spirit fully directing our life, the result will be His spiritual fruit spontaneously developing in our lives. They will be the *outward* by-product of the Spirit's control in your life. What fruits have you seen God developing in your life? How has He done it?
5. How have you experienced more devotion and worship of God as you have yielded to the Holy Spirit's direction in your life?

Prayer Requests: