



DIGGING DEEPER

Summer Series Guide

June 15 - August 10

This guide can be used for all 9 weeks of our summer series studying the fruit of the Spirit. Begin your time by inviting someone to open in prayer, asking the Holy Spirit to guide the conversation and shape hearts to reflect Christ more fully.

READ ALOUD Galatians 5:22-23 each week to keep the full context in view. Read any additional passages from the week's message.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- What does this fruit of the Spirit really mean, and how is the biblical understanding different from how the world typically defines it?
- What insights or takeaways from the message resonated with you?
- How did Jesus model this fruit in His life and ministry?
- In what areas of your life do you see this fruit growing?
- Where do you struggle to live this out consistently? Can you share a recent experience when this fruit was tested in you?
- How can this fruit of the Spirit shape the way you interact with others this week?
- What would it look like to fully surrender this area to the Holy Spirit?
- Are there any practical steps you feel led to take this week to cultivate this fruit in your life?

SERIES REMINDER: Spiritual fruit is not something we produce by trying harder; it is the supernatural result of staying connected to Jesus. We don't cultivate any of the fruits by willpower. Instead, they grow in us as we abide in Christ, remain open to the work of the Holy Spirit, and surrender our lives to God's ongoing transformation.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

This isn't about self-improvement; it's about **Spirit-empowered growth** that flows from intimacy with Jesus. Ask yourself each week: (1) Am I staying connected to Jesus? and (2) Am I making space for the Spirit to work in and through me? **Let's challenge each other not to strive harder, but to surrender deeper.**

GROUP PRAYER TIME: Share any personal requests before praying together. Close your prayer time praying the prayer for this series aloud together:

Heavenly Father, ground us in Your gracious love to walk by the Spirit.

Lord Jesus, draw us closer to abide in you and follow where You lead.

Holy Spirit, we invite Your transforming work so our lives produce love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Amen.

MORE WAYS TO ENGAGE

Fair Oaks Church Sermon Podcast (Apple Podcasts & Spotify) to listen to just the message or watch messages on demand at fairoaks.church/sermons. Check out **Cutting Room Floor** episodes that further unpack sermons and insights from preachers.

UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at fairoaks.church/events

- **The Chosen Watch Parties: Season 4 & 5** | Tuesdays 6pm | AMC (6/10-8/5)
- **Operation Christmas Child: Collecting Items for shoeboxes** June 22-July 20
Learn more at fairoaks.church/missions
- **Christmas In July: Operation Christmas Child Packing Party:** July 25 | 6:30p | FLC
- **Food Distribution at FO/OV Food Bank:** July 9 | 9a-12:30p
- **Hope Gathering Widows Group:** July 9 | 6-8p | AMC (No gathering in August)
- **No Food Drive in July (Next Food Drive will be August 10)**
- **United Service Celebrating KAY Loan Paid Off** | Sunday, August 17 | 10:30a
- **Men's Retreat 2025** | Sep 19-21 | Cost, Details & Registration TBA

