



Reflecting Christ Through the Fruit of the spirit HOPE GROUP STUDY - Week of March 23, 2025

Let's review this week's message from Rev. Tim Barker!

1 Let's Talk & Pray

Have everyone share: "What has been a favorite Bible passage for you recently?"
Open with prayer after sharing answers.

2 Let's Review the Main Idea

Who you are is always more important than what you do. And our flesh and the Spirit are always in conflict! Have you felt that conflict before? Your life today either reflects what the flesh produces or it reflects what the Spirit produces. The Holy Spirit was given to make us holy. It is the will of God to make the children of God look like the Son of God. God does this through His Spirit and the Word. If we allow the Spirit to work and abide by the Word, the fruit develops in us - and it brings a God-ward dependence that grows into an outward devotion leading to an inward discipline. The fruit of the Spirit is cultivated - it can't be manufactured. Let's talk more about how the Spirit works in our lives!

3 Let's Read the Word

Galatians 5:13-26; Romans 5:5-11; 8:29
John 8:31-32; 16:12-15

4 Let's Think

- What is the difference between the flesh and the Spirit?
- Why does Paul give such an extensive list to describe the sins of the flesh?

5 Let's Share

- Paul says we should keep in step with the Spirit. How does someone do that?
- When have you seen the flesh stunt or hurt the fruit of the Spirit God was growing in someone's life?
- What are some things that hold you back from the fruit God wants to grow in your life?
- Share a personal experiences or challenge where walking in the Spirit was difficult. What encouraged you or discouraged you?

6 Let's Grow

- What are you doing to keep in step with God's Spirit?
- Which works of the flesh are most accepted in our culture? How can we counter those works in our lives?
- How can we encourage one another to cultivate the fruit of the Spirit in our lives?
- Which fruit of the Spirit do you particularly need to ask God to grow in you?

7 Let's Pray

- Take some time to pray together as a group over prayer needs.

[Upcoming events at Hope:](#)

March 29 - Hope For Kids 5K

March 30 - Ladies Conference planning meeting

April 18-20 - Easter at Hope