

Sermon Discussion Questions

Fruit of the Spirit: Self-Control – Matt Slocum

9 June 2024

Sermon Text: Mark 4:1-11

AGENDA

- People arrive, talk, snack, and icebreaker – 5 min
- Worship – 5-10 min
- Prayer/Ministry Time – 20 min
- Discussion Questions – 35-45 min

PRAYER/MINISTRY TIME (20-30 min)

Ask for prayer requests. Ask for specific needs of group members.

MESSAGE INTRODUCTION

This week we conclude our sermon series on the Fruit of the Spirit. In this week's message, we explore the idea that we are more susceptible to temptation when we are hungry. Let's see what Matt has to say about **Self-Control** and how it helps us resist temptation in our lives.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to reflect on Philippians 2:6-11. You were asked to consider Him. To fix your attention on Him. To be in His presence. During this time, did you feel Him inviting you into something? What did He show you?

2. Is there anything that really resonated with you from Matt's message on Self-Control?

3. In his message, Matt provided three statements regarding self-control. 1) Self-control is a fruit of the Spirit; 2) Self-control is self-denial; and, 3) Self-control is a gift of grace. How do these three statements change or shape your view of what self-control means and how it is lived out in your life?

4. God meets people in their suffering. People experience suffering through persecution and self-denial. Can you share a time when you experienced suffering either as a result of persecution or self-denial? What did that look like? How did you react to the suffering you experienced?

APPLICATION

There is always a way out of temptation. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to have self-control (control of oneself) and to make the right choice. But we still have a choice to make. Take some time this week to think about temptations you have faced or are currently facing and see the way out. For past temptations, did you

Icebreakers

Pick one of the icebreaker questions below and go around in a circle (starting with the leader) and have everyone answer. (If you have new members or guests have each person introduce themselves.)

1. When you were young, did you ever attend a summer camp of any kind? What was your favorite memory of the camp?

2. What is your favorite thing to grow in the summer? (Or, are you an over-achiever who does both?) 😊

3. When was the last time you had a water balloon or squirt gun battle? (Why not have one this week?)

make the right choice and take the way out of the temptation? If dealing with a current temptation, look for the way out the Holy Spirit is providing and move in that direction.

COMING UP

To join a small group or find out more about what is going on, click on the NWC App, the website <https://nwckc.com>, or the New Wine Church Community Group Facebook page. Sermon study questions can be found in all three locations.

Youth Summer Camp, Grades 6-12, 17-22 June. To sign up or for more information go to:

<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sywckrv>

Kids Camp, 10-12 July from 10:00am to 2:00pm at Power Play. Register here:

<https://subsplash.com/newwinechurch/lb/ev/+sr5sc4m/register>

FINAL THOUGHT

If you are comfortable, you don't need the Comforter.