

Sermon Discussion Questions

Fruit of the Spirit: Great-Heartedness – Matt Slocum
5 May 2024
Sermon Text: Galatians 5:22-25

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

People who have the fruit of the Spirit (His personal life-giving presence) have a strong internal system able to withstand all kinds of pressure and persecution. This week as we continue our series on the Fruit of the Spirit, Matt explores the fruit of Patience and how we grow and develop this fruit as we learn to wait on the Lord. Let's get into the message this week, **Great-Heartedness**.

NOTE: Before you get into the questions this week, as a group, watch about 15-20 minutes of this video Matt mentioned during his message. It's a great example of waiting on the Lord.

<https://youtu.be/0sDCy6W8Lgc?si=PXnpHVMV-GvCPR-b>

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS (35-45 min)

1. Last week you were asked to reflect on if you were living a life of peace. What did you find out? Were you able to think of trials you are facing which you just don't understand? Part of what you were asked to do was to turn those trials you don't understand over to Jesus and trust Him to give you peace? Did you try that? What was the result?
2. During his message, Matt mentioned two things that exert pressure on us: time and people. How do we see these two things putting pressure on us? What are some specific examples?
3. What is your internal system? Is it able to withstand the pressure that is exerted against it? What is the difference between our own internal system and an internal system centered around the Holy Spirit? How do those internal systems react when being pressured?

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. What is one activity you are looking forward to this summer?
2. What is something special that is part of your "bucket list"?
3. Will you be attending any graduation ceremonies this year?

4. Read 2 Corinthians 4:8-18. In verse 8 we read, “we are not crushed”. How did Matt describe what it meant to not be crushed? How do we avoid being crushed? (Hint: What are we focused on? What was the early church focused on?)

APPLICATION

This week, try the waiting exercise Matt demonstrated at the end of his message.

- Sit up straight and relaxed.
- Wait.
- Pay attention to your body and surroundings. Do you feel anything? Do you see or notice anything?
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to come?
- Wait. Keep paying attention and looking.

Did you feel or notice anything while you were doing this? If so, share it with your group next week.

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/+sywckry>

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 we want patience, we need to learn to wait on the Lord.

Definition

Makrothymia/ Macrothymia: great-heartedness; a strong internal system; patient; calm endurance; whether tested through waiting or through others’ provocation.