

SERMON NOTES AND SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:22–26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. 24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. 25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. 26 Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

1 Corinthians 13:1–13

1 If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

The scoop on fruit:

1. Healthy fruit come from deep roots.

2. You are only as mature as your most immature fruit.

Faith informs action. Hope influences action. Love is action.

GROUP DISCUSSION

If you were growing a vegetable garden or flowers in a flower bed, what are some things you would need for the growth to be successful?

What lessons can we learn from growing a garden that might also help us see how the Holy Spirit grows fruit in our lives?

Pastor Luke said, “When you observe an area where you are fruitless, this is an area where you have yet to believe and apply the gospel to your life.” As you look over the Fruit of the Spirit, is there an area of your life where you need to apply the gospel right now?

Does your faith fully express itself in how you love others?

Where does God want you to put your love in action this week?