WEEK 5: LEARNING TO FLY

SCRIPTURE GUIDE

1 Corinthians 3:1-4

MAIN FOCUS

Knowledge is not equal to spiritual growth, it is an element of spiritual growth. The church in Corinth had knowledge, but they struggled with jealousy and strife, attitudes of the heart.

In his message, Steve outlines 3 people at different spiritual points: the natural person, the spiritual person, and the spiritual person acting natural. The spiritual person is often tempted to act as a natural person, or merely human. What we need to remember is this: "Jesus transformed you from death to life and placed the Holy Spirit in you as a deposit on your eternal inheritance."

When a spiritual person acts merely human, we miss out on the blessing of God. We make things more difficult on ourselves. God wants to produce fruit through our lives. So many times we feel defeated when this doesn't happen.

How does the Holy Spirit produce fruit in us? This happens by a transformation only God can deliver. Though believers have the Holy Spirit, we strive to be totally filled. Like a sail, we must be totally opened and available to be filled. This happens through prayer and surrender. Growth often happens in little moments of decision.

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Galatians 5:19-24, Jeremiah 17:9-10

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1. Knowledge was not an issue in Corinth; why is knowledge not enough in discipleship?
- 2. What does the Holy Spirit produce in me?
- 3. Is there a person in my life that I have been struggling with? What is my part in this relationship?
- 4. As I examine my own life, do I identify as a spiritual infant, child, young adult, or parent?
- 5. How have I done lately living as a spiritual person who belongs to the kingdom of God? What kind of growth have I seen?
- 6. How can I direct my "little moments of decision" to bring spiritual growth in my life?



