



**ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER:**

How are you going to use the Purple Christmas theme to invite people this year? Talk about creative ways to invite your 8to15 this season! What do you think Purple Christmas is going to be about?

1. Put into your own words what walking in the flesh and walking in the Spirit as a power source means.
2. At this stage in your faith journey, which power source do you have the tendency to draw from consistently - the flesh or the Spirit? Why?
3. What is your “mayo” moment like what Pastor Paul described? That moment you knew that your overall desires have changed by The Holy Spirit once you began to follow Jesus? Was it your salvation moment? When you got baptized? At home? At work? During an intense situation? Describe it. If you don’t know, don’t feel condemned – it’s ok. Sometimes we can’t pinpoint a specific moment we noticed things were different. This is why you are in a community group to share and learn from one another’s experiences.
4. Pastor Paul said “A sinning Christian is a miserable Christian”. What does that mean to you? Do you find yourself in this situation?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-18 out loud to the group. Share what the Holy Spirit puts on your heart to share with the group when you read this to encourage each other.
6. Read Galatians 5:19-21 out loud to the group. What sticks out to you that you may struggle with sometimes, or struggled with in the past? Do you know and understand where the source of it is coming from?

**PAUSE & REFLECT:**

In the Psalms, it’s called a “Selah”. A moment to catch your breath, rest, and praise. It’s an intentional break to reflect and fully experience the moment before moving on. How did God challenge, encourage, correct, etc... as your group engaged one another in this conversation?

**ENGAGE GOD:**

Read Galatians 5:22-25 out loud and then spend some time quietly reflecting on these verses.

Pastor Paul asked two questions to ponder. These are great opportunities to engage the Holy Spirit and allow Him to reveal this in your heart.

- What are you deepest desires?
- What really motivates you?

Don’t be afraid of how He responds and the truth He will share with you. He may reveal some of Galatians 5:19-21. Just confess and submit to Him so He can show you next steps to begin to walk in the Spirit as outlined in Galatians 5:22-25.

If you need a sheet a paper, journal, or type it in your phone to write it down, do so. Capture what God shares with you so you can remember it and obey it later.

**GROUP PRAYER:**

Prayer: Read John 15:5 together, then take turns praying something like this - “God, let me abide in you. You’re my power source. Help me bear spiritual fruit in my life as I stay connected to you.” Once you’ve prayed this, open up general prayers and address additional prayer requests and concerns as needed.

**ENGAGE ONE ANOTHER + ENGAGE GOD = *Extraordinary Together***