

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

“This will change your life” is a standard marketing phrase, one that, because of overuse, and abuse, may be received with skepticism. What does the phrase mean in relation to the Christian faith? Is the claim of life-change true? And if so, how is it experienced?

GETTING STARTED

1. Have you been burned by false advertising? If so, briefly tell the story.
2. When you hear a claim of “life change,” what is your typical reaction, and why?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read Galatians 5:16-25. Identify a “work of the flesh” that has hurt someone you’ve cared about. Identify a quality of the “fruit of the spirit” that you’ve admired in someone else.
4. Sean said, “New life is found in the fruit He exhibits, not the effort you exert.” Have you had a point where you realized your effort wasn’t enough? What happened and what did you learn?
5. We read three instructions regarding the Spirit: “Walk by the Spirit,” “be led by the Spirit,” and “live by the Spirit.” Which instruction is most helpful to you in understanding how to experience new life? Which is more difficult for you to grasp?

NEXT STEPS

6. What place do you frequently visit, or what circumstance, might you forget that you are to live a spirit-filled life? What did you discuss today that might help you remember to live in the spirit?
7. What is your practical action step from this discussion?