

SMALL GROUP STUDY GUIDE



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Alive: Moving With the Spirit

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The wind can be blowing, but if your sail isn't raised you won't go far. You can be surrounded by oxygen, but if you don't breathe, it won't do you any good.

The sap can be flowing, but if a branch isn't connected to the vine, nothing grows. In the same way, the Spirit is always present in us and around us, but we still need to learn how to let the Spirit move us.

SCRIPTURE TEXT: GALATIANS 5:16-25

Read the scripture text together as a group.

BACKGROUND INFO

God's Spirit is the animating force in a disciples' life, the power to move us into mission. But the wind of God's Spirit also has the power to shape things. It can shape our lives more and more into the likeness of Jesus.

St. Paul had a metaphor for that process. He called it the Fruit of the Spirit, and he describes it in our Scripture reading for today from his letter to the Galatians [5:16-25].

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The wind of God's Spirit can move us and shape us. Share a story from your past involving wind. How has God's Spirit acted like a mighty wind in your life?
- Re-read Galatians 5:22-23. Which of the fruits listed do you most strongly embody? Tell about how this fruit has positively impacted your life and/or those around you.
- With which fruit(s) listed in Galatians 5:22-23 are you still a "work in progress?" How is the Spirit working in your life to shape you more into the likeness of Jesus?
- The qualities listed in Galatians describe the characteristics Jesus displayed during his earthly life. What stories from the Bible show you the character of Jesus most clearly? What "fruits" would you add to Paul's list?

APPLICATION: Each morning this week, before your feet hit the floor, open your heart to the Spirit. Ask God to help you move with the Spirit through the day. Ask God to help you dwell in the Vine so good fruit will naturally develop in your life.