

Oceanside Connect Group Outline

Week of March 20th, 2016



THE TRANSFORMING POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

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Key Scriptures:

Galatians 5:16, 22-26 (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. [...]

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶ Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Colossians 1:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, ¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.

Discussion questions from this week's sermon

In this, our last week of the Holy Spirit series, we are reminded of the words spoken by Jesus in John 16:6-7. **In the last ten weeks of this series, how has this scripture become clearer to you when Jesus says it is to our advantage that He goes away?**

Read Galatians 5:16-18 & 22-25. **In what ways do the things listed in Galatians 5 differ from the outward missional gifts of the Spirit in 1 Corinthians 12?**

Self help books have exploded in sales in the last 10 years. **What are some of the methods that these worldly books use to help their readers seek a better self?**

Since your walk with the Spirit began in what ways have you seen your character change? Was it by your own strength?

God's calling or mission on our lives can be a tough journey by our own strength. **How do the attributes in v22 & 23 change that?**

What does Paul mean in v25 when he says, "If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit"?

None of us will be fully sanctified until we see Jesus face to face. **But what practical steps can you take with the Spirit to increase these personal fruits of the Spirit?**

We're all excited to see more of the Spirit move at Oceanside in & outside of our services. As a group, take some time to answer these questions:

**How can each of us be a part of the Spirit's mission at Oceanside?
In what ways do you think God wants to use you in our services?
Which gifts stand out to you as ones you will continue to eagerly pursue?**