

CELL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS following Sunday September 16: LOVE

WELCOME: Share some things each of you loved doing over the summer.

WORSHIP: God is love (1 John 4:8). For worship, light a candle and let it represent for you the flame of God's love. Then read 1 Corinthians 13 substituting for the word "love" the name "Jesus." Pray that He become all that in you and in your cell group.

WORD: Read Galatians 5:13-25

Works of the Flesh and Fruit of the Spirit are contrasted. Take a newspaper to cell group. Hand out a page or two to each person. Ask them to find and circle at least one of the work of the flesh (sexual immorality, impurity & debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, & the like. Gal 5:20--21). Discuss what you found.

The Kingdom of God means much, much more than heaven after we die. It is also the life God has for us NOW. How might people living the fruit of the flesh above take away from "God's Peaceable Kingdom" now?

What Fruit of the Spirit have you seen in followers of Jesus? How have Christians not shown those? What Fruit of the Spirit have you seen in people who do not seem to be following Jesus? How have some not shown such fruit?

Pastor Duke's Summary: The Fruit is how we are to relate to each other in Love.

Joy Is love shared. Kindness is Love giving. Gentleness is Love

Peace is Love disarmed. Goodness is Love reaching. humbled.

Patience is Love waiting. Faithfulness is Love holding. Self-control is Love

Unleashed.

Read John 15:1-4

What does Jesus say is necessary for fruit to grow in us?

WITNESS / MISSION:

As each day begins this week, pray that your eyes will be open to see just a bit of how much God loves each person you see.

Look for small ways to express that: a smile, a word, a deed.

Mark in yourself when you feel something other than love (fear, indifference, resentment). Pray that the Spirit bear fruit in you.