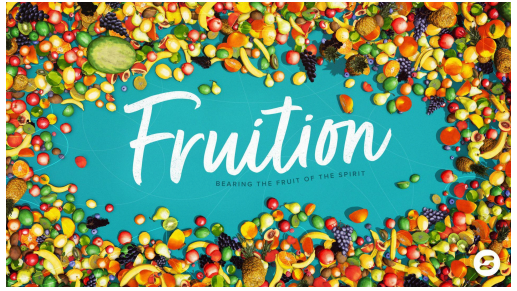


STUDY GUIDE

July 14

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- Join the Southgate Men's BBQ on July 18th at 6pm in Kemptville! Enjoy delicious food and great fellowship. Food will be provided; just bring a chair! Please sign up on ChurchCenter to help us get a rough idea for numbers.

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for giving us access to tap into His love. Ask God to help us make use of every opportunity to grow closer to Him. Ask God to help us understand His love better and show the same love to others.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

Galatians 5:22

1 Corinthians 13

1 John 4:7-18

John 15:1-10

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. In 1 Corinthians 13, Paul describes the characteristics of love. How do these qualities challenge our cultural understanding of love today?
2. When do you find it difficult to love others?
3. According to 1 John 4:7-18, what is the connection between

God's love for us and our ability to love others?

4. Why is it significant that love is not merely a "work" we do but a "fruit" that grows from being connected to God? How does this distinction influence our understanding of spiritual growth and maturity?

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

1. *Bearing fruit is not the same thing as doing works. One flows out of who you are, and the other is from your own effort. Jesus says that you will know a tree by its fruit.*
2. *Therefore love is not something that we can control, but rather something we need to tap into.*
3. *Establish a rhythm of tapping into love. You are too busy not to pray. Lectio 365 is a very useful prayer app.*