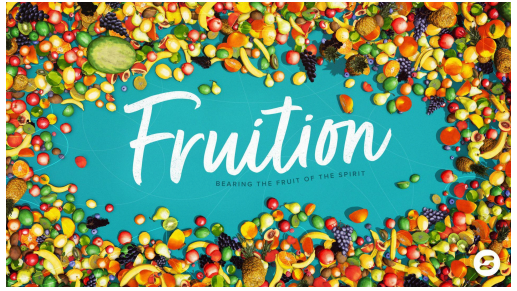


# STUDY GUIDE

September 1

## STAY IN THE LOOP

*Announcements*



- From Sunday, September 8, you'll have two services to choose from, with our service times returning to 9am and 10:30 am.

## START WITH PRAYER

*Use this Prayer Prompt*

Thank God for His Word and inviting us into a life of gentleness. Ask God to help us draw nearer to Him and to fill us with His Spirit, to change us into becoming more like Him.

## STUDY THE BIBLE

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

Galatians 5:22-23

Galatians 6:1

James 1:21 & 3:13

1 Peter 3:15

2 Corinthians 10:1

## STIR UP DISCUSSION

*How does this week's teaching affect me personally?*

1. The Greek word "prautes," translated as gentleness, is also associated with humility and sensitivity. Discuss the relationship between humility and gentleness and how one can cultivate both in their daily life.

2. How can gentleness influence the way we address conflicts or disagreements with others? Share a personal experience where gentleness either helped or could have improved a difficult conversation.
3. Gentleness is often undervalued in our culture. How does this cultural perspective challenge or support your practice of gentleness? In what ways can the church model gentleness in a culture that promotes assertiveness or aggression?
4. The balance between truth and love is important in our conversations. How do you apply this balance in your discussions or debates about faith in today's often polarized and confrontational world?
5. Gentleness, like other fruit of the Spirit, comes from a close relationship with Jesus. What are some practical steps you can take this week to draw nearer to Jesus and thus grow in gentleness? How can you be mindful of this in your daily interactions?

## *STEP INTO ACTION*

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

1. *In your interactions with others, particularly people you disagree with, take a step back and ask: am I approaching this with Gentleness?*
2. *If you find that you are falling short in this area, don't just try harder. Move closer to Jesus.*