The Holy Spirit, Lesson 6

WALK BY THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:13–26

Key Verse: 5:16

1. In verse 13a, to what kind of freedom was Paul referring? (2:3–4; 5:3–4) How do we tend to abuse our freedom? (13b) How *should* we use our new freedom in Christ? (13c; see verse 6) How can we love like this? (2:20) What happens when we do? (14; 6:2) How did Paul warn them and us? (15)
2. Read verse 16. How does the Spirit give us power and direction? What struggle do we all face? (17) Think about what it means to be “led” by the Spirit (18), to “keep in step with the Spirit” (25), and to “sow to please the Spirit” (6:8). Why is our mind the main battleground? (Ro8:5)
3. Note the four categories Paul uses to describe the “acts of the flesh” (19–21a). Why do you think he lists them like this? What is his warning (21b), and how should we respond to this?
4. Read verses 22–23. Why is love the first fruit of the Spirit? How do most of these fruits affect the way we relate to others? How can we have these fruits in our lives? (24) What does it mean to crucify our flesh? (Ro6:6; 13:14) To walk by the Spirit, what do we especially need to avoid? (26)
5. To walk by the Spirit, why is it important for us to “put no confidence in the flesh”? (Php3:3–7) To pray? (Mt26:36–46) To meditate on God’s words? (Jn6:63) To sing praises to God, no matter what? (Col3:16)