

Sunday Bible Study - Series Guide

“Fruit of the Spirit” (9 Part Series)

Syllabus:

On the Fruit of the Spirit:

The taste of salsa is a mixture of tomato, salt, onion, cilantro, green peppers, and jalapeno peppers. Each of the ingredients can be discerned by the tongue, but the combination morphs them into a taste of its own.

“The fruit of the Spirit” is a combination of at least nine characteristics of God that have combined into its own taste, its own fruit. Notice fruit is singular in “Fruit of the Spirit”. Because the Spirit comes to dwell in each believer, he flavors the Christian’s life with his unique taste. And through all Christians, the Spirit flavors the lives of everyone they touch.

This means that the Spirit’s fruit is not a characteristic that believers must strive to obtain. The ingredients of the Spirit’s fruit came into their lives along with faith in Jesus. So the fruit of the Spirit is a gift every Christian possesses and with the Spirit’s empowerment seeks to display in his or her life.

Part 1 - Love: - “No matter how nasty people get, I smile and then I pray for them.” That’s the love that comes along with the faith in Jesus He worked in us.

Part 2 - Joy: The strangest odd thought: a Christian is glum. Along with the saving faith in Jesus the Holy Spirit brings joy into our hearts and thoughts.

Part 3 - Peace: Conflict is all too “normally” a part of life. This lesson focuses our attention on what an impact on our lives the superior peace Jesus brings when He calls us to faith.

Part 4 - Patience: It means “long-tempered” as opposed to “short-tempered”. The Holy Spirit brings into our life patience: the ability to absorb messes and losses without an indication that anything has happened.

Part 5 - Kindness: The Holy Spirit calls us to saving faith in Jesus and then turns us into the morally good, honest and decent people who reflect God’s love to others.

Part 6 - Goodness: Since God sent His Holy Spirit into our hearts, producing a saving faith in us; we then begin the work of producing good fruit, or a crop of goodness by which the Lord blesses others.

Part 7 - Faithfulness: There is great comfort in knowing God always keeps his appointments and promises with us. As we grow in our trust in Him, the Holy Spirit then moves us to be faithful to Him and to our commitments.

Part 8 - Gentleness: This is the ability to accept reproaches and slights without revenge. It is the Spirit’s gift by which we act gently toward others even when we may have the right to do otherwise.

Part 9 - Self-control: As the Holy Spirit builds up our faith, He also leads us to erect walls to protect us from our sinful desires that wish to infiltrate and destroy our live with Jesus.

Menomonee Falls – Sundays
9:15 a.m. – Church Basement

“Fruit of the Spirit”

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| 3/4/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 1 “Love” |
| 3/11/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 2 “Joy” |
| 3/18/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 3 “Peace” |
| 3/25/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 4 “Patience” |
| 4/1/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 5 “Kindness” |
| 4/8/12 | - No Bible Study – Easter Sunday - |
| 4/15/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 6 “Goodness” |
| 4/22/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 7 “Faithfulness” |
| 4/29/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 8 “Gentleness” |
| 5/6/12 | “Fruit of The Spirit”- Part 9 “Self-control” |
| 5/13/12 | - To be announced – see bulletin/poster - |
| 5/20/12 | “Stump the Pastor”- Open forum, bring us your unanswered questions! |
| 5/27/12 | - No Bible Study – Memorial Day Sunday – |

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

1 Peter 3:15-16

Germantown – Sundays
10:30 a.m. – Church Office

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Weekly Bible Studies

Tuesday Mornings

10:15 - 11:15 AM

Menomonee Falls Bible Study Room

New Series: "I Identify in Christ and for Christ"

Syllabus: Christianity is not a spectator sport. It is a daily challenge, walking with and growing in Christ.

Wednesday Evenings

6:00 - 7:00 PM

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Thursday Mornings

6:45 - 7:15 AM

Menomonee Falls Bible Study Room

New Series: "The Book of Mark"

Friday Afternoons

1:00 - 2:00 PM

Menomonee Falls Council Room

Ladies Bible Study

Saturday Mornings

8:00 - 9:00 AM

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Men's Bible Study

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Home Bible Studies

Monday Mornings

9:30 - 11:00AM

Moms & Tots

Group meets at Bethlehem-Falls in school basement classroom across from gym doors. TOTS includes a short devotion in their every Monday gathering.

Tuesday Mornings

8:15 - 9:00AM

Women's Group (Mom's with school-age children.) Group meets at Bethlehem-Falls in church basement. This bible study is oriented towards mothers of school-age children, but all ladies are always welcome. Contact Michelle Mueller (262-628-7191) or Rachel Kuehl (414-430-4038) for more information.

Friday Afternoons

Women's Group (No children)

Study led by Mary Abel and meets at Bethlehem-Falls or various homes biweekly. Contact Mary (262-253-4160) or Barb Geschke at the church office (262-251-3353) for more information.

Friday/Saturday Evenings

Couples group (although singles always welcome!) Study led by Pastor Zickuhr and meets at members' homes biweekly. Contact Gary Schilling via email at gary.schilling@med.ge.com, or Mike Davidson at 262-251-7426 for more information.

Other Study Resources

WWW.WELS.NET

- Daily Devotion / Prayers via email
- "Through My Bible"
(3 year reading guide)
- "My Life Issues"
- "Questions and Answers"

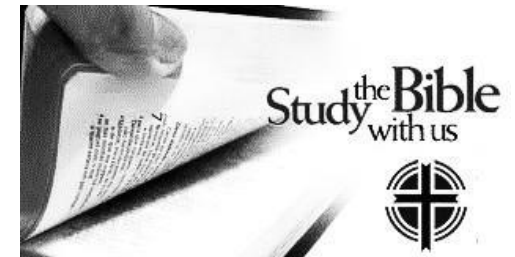
Have an Idea for a Study Group?

If you have an idea for a new study for a different time schedule or interest group, please share your ideas with us. Contact Dave Peterson (262-894-3390) or via email , davepeterson@wi.rr.com

Bethlehem Adult Spiritual Growth

**"For wisdom will enter
your heart, and
knowledge will be
pleasant to your soul."**

Proverbs 2:10



Schedule
Spring 2012