

# BRMC Small Group Study: Holy Spirit Session 6

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## Scripture Passage:

Focus: Galatians 5:1, 16-23

Supplementary: 2 Corinthians 1:22

## Open to the Spirit:

Focus chapter: 19

Supplementary chapters: 6 and 15

### Lesson Objectives:

- The Spirit produces fruit in us.
- The Spirit enables us to walk in the manner pleasing to the Lord and empowers us to resist the desires of the flesh.
- We can be transformed by the love of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit.

## Introductory

1. According to 2 Corinthians 1:22, what guarantees our relationship with the Lord and our salvation?
2. What is the evidence of the Spirit's presence in us (with reference to the focus passage)?

## Reflection

3. "The first 'fruit' of the Spirit is love. Love appears at the top of Paul's list of Spirit-prompted fruit in Galatians. While these verses can be read as a list of nine separate virtues, they also can be read as a description of one big virtue, captured in the word *love*, along with eight smaller ones ... Love is the most important virtue. A Spirit-formed and Spirit-prompted person is measured by loving God and loving others." (p 123-124)

Can you describe yourself as someone who is dependent-on and led-by the Holy Spirit (Spirit-formed and Spirit-prompted) when it comes to loving God and loving others?  
How do you love people that you find difficult to love?

4. Can you say that the fruit of the Spirit is borne in you and growing in maturity in you? Have you observed changes happening in you ever since you became more open to the Spirit? Can you describe how the Spirit helped you mature?
  
5. What does being “transformed by the love of Christ” actually look like to you (within our BRMC context or in your families or workplace)?

## **Application**

6. In Galatians 5:19-23, the Apostle Paul listed down the works of the flesh and of the Spirit, although the lists are not exhaustive. Walking in the ways of the Spirit and rejecting the desires of the flesh is our everyday battle.

Jot down some practical ways or things that will help you become more resistant to the works of the flesh and be more open to the works of the Spirit?

## **Prayer**

7. Write out a prayer for yourself based on what you have heard and learned from this session, and for your application steps.