SMALL GROUP SERMON SUMMARY QUESTIONS

Watch the video summary of the **March 16, 2014 Sermon** (3.5 minutes), "If you are led by the Spirit." Please read the sermon passage (Galatians 5:13-24) together out loud.

Small Group Questions (Galatians 5:13-24)

Sermon Outline:

IF WE ARE LED BY THE SPIRIT . . .

- 1. Our freedom will produce service for others, not secret sin (vv 13-15)
 - a. Those led by the Spirit will not use their freedom to sin
 - b. Those led by the Spirit will use their freedom to serve others in love.
- 2. Our sinful motivations, desires and actions will be:
 - a. Identified (vv 16-21)
 - b. Crucified (v. 24)
- 3. Over time, we will be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ (vv. 22-23)

Small Group Discussion Questions

- 1. Those led by the Spirit purposefully and intentionally limit their freedoms in order to serve and show love to the people around them. How have you limited potential "freedoms" in order to show love? How?
- 2. You can use your freedom to serve others in a lot of ways. How have you been ministered to by others who "limited their freedom" by serving you? Have you ever told them how their ministry encouraged you?
- 3. The "acts of the flesh" include sexual sin, religious sin, relational sin and substance abuse. We are called to "crucify" these acts. What steps have you taken to crucify your flesh?
- 4. The Fruit of the Spirit is simply a description of what it looks like for the Spirit to form Christ's character in you. Ask a friend (or your spouse!) this week about where they see Christ's character in your life. What do you think they would say?
- 5. In the church, we have some bearing fruit and some just starting to grow. It takes time for Fruit to ripen. How does this truth sometimes create misunderstanding and frustrations? How can waiting on God's timing for other's fruit bring great joy?