



## Community Group Questions Greater Things – Week 3

### 1. Ice Breaker

- Which would you choose, Fruity Pebbles, Fruit Roll-Up or fruit snacks?

### 2. Discussion Questions

- Read Galatians 5:16-17 – Who have you seen walk by the Spirit? What was different about the way that person lived?
- How would you define what Paul calls “the flesh?”
- In what ways is the flesh contrary to the Spirit? How does that practically play out in the life of a believer?
- Read Galatians 5:19-23 – Paul lists two kinds of fruit – fruit of the flesh and fruit of the Spirit. How can you make sure you produce the right kind of fruit?
- Pastor Drew Sherman has said, “The mark of Spiritual Maturity is seen in what kind of fruit you bear for Christ.” How would you have described spiritual maturity in the past? How does this change your view of spiritual maturity?
- Read John 15:1-8 – What can we learn about producing fruit from these verses?
- What’s something in your life that needs pruning in order for the Holy Spirit to produce more fruit through you?
- What’s your next step this week to bear more fruit? How can the group help you take that step?

## Extra Scriptures

**Leaders:** Don't feel like you need to use any, and certainly not all, of the following. These are just available if you'd like some more content to spark further discussion or understanding.

- **Genesis 1:2** – “Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.”
- **Genesis 2:7** – “Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.”
- **Joel 2:28** – “And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.”
- **John 14:16-17** – “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”
- **Acts 1:8** – “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”
- **Acts 2:1-4** – “When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”
- **Acts 2:38-39** – “Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’”
- **Romans 8:9** – “You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.”
- **Romans 8:14-15** – “For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, ‘Abba, Father.’”
- **1 Corinthians 2:12** – “What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”
- **1 Corinthians 12:4-11** – “There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given

through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

- **Galatians 5:22-23** – “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”