

**crossroads**

# **LIFE GROUPS**

Discussion Questions for June 19<sup>th</sup>/June 23<sup>rd</sup>

**KICKING IT OFF:** What book, movie or video have you seen/read recently you would recommend? Why?

**MEMORY VERSE:** “If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Read Ephesians 5:17-21. What does this passage tell us we are to do? Why is this significant?
2. Read Luke 11:13. How does this apply to the previous scripture? (Hint: in Luke 11:13, the word “ask” in the Greek is in the active voice and present tense. Literally this means “you keep asking.”)
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22. What does this tell us to do? What does this tell us not to do?
4. The word quench means to extinguish and has the idea of pouring water on a fire. It also is like the crimping of a garden hose. How does this apply to the Holy Spirit? How do we quench the Holy Spirit?

5. Read Ephesians 4:29-30. What are we told to do here? What are we told not to do? Why is this important?
6. Read Galatians 5:13-18. What are we told regarding the Holy Spirit in verse 16? What does it mean to “walk by the Spirit?”
7. Look at verses 17-18. What is in opposition to each other? Do you find this happening inside of you? What does this have to do with the possibility of quenching or grieving the Holy Spirit?
8. Read Galatians 5:16-21. What will be true if you “walk by the Spirit” and are “led by the Spirit?”
9. Read Galatians 5:22-26. What are the fruit of the spirit? Which ones do you personally need more of in your life?

#### **LIVE “LIFE” NOW:**

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While a believer always has the Holy Spirit with them, they do not always have the filling of the Holy Spirit. The filling of the Holy Spirit is not you getting more of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit getting more (actually all) of you. There are three reasons you may not be filled; one: you have not asked, two: you are quenching the Holy Spirit, three: you are grieving the Holy Spirit.

When we are not filled with the Holy Spirit, it becomes harder to hear the voice of God in your life. This week reflect on the three reasons that keep you from being filled with the Holy Spirit. Which one is the main reason that you are not experiencing all that God has to offer you in this life? Have you ever heard God speaking to you? If you have, think about the impact that it had in your life. If you have not, pray a bold prayer and ask God to speak to in a powerful way!