

SERMON SERIES: THE DIFFERENCE HE MAKES

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“The Difference He Makes: LOVE”

Introduction

This past week we celebrated Easter together, talking about the resurrection of Christ that makes all the difference in our lives. This week we begin a new series called The Difference He Makes, talking specifically about what that difference means. For the next few weeks we will be looking at the book of Galatians, learning about how the fruits of the Spirit help us understand the difference God makes.

- What is the biggest change you've had happen in your life recently? It can be funny or serious. (Moving homes, trying a new brand of shampoo, going to sleep at a different time, etc.)

Seek the Word

Read Galatians 5:13-26

- What is the purpose of the Holy Spirit?
- Verse 25 says to “keep in step with the Spirit.” What might this mean?
- This passage talks about the law, the flesh, and the Spirit. What is the relationship between the three?
- How does this passage help us understand the character of God?

Go Deeper

As we talked about the fruit of love this week, the Bible says that God is love (1 John 1:8). Compile a list of some different times God the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spirit have demonstrated love. Use passages from both the Old and New Testaments. A Bible concordance or online resources may be helpful.

Talk About It

- When you think of the fruits of the Spirit, what do you think of? Why is that?
- How frequently do you think about the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life? How can you become more cognizant of it?
- How have you seen the work of the Holy Spirit in your own life?
- What is one way you can practice growing in love this week?

Wrap Up

Reminder: Love is a description of who Jesus wants us to be.

Challenge: Pick one way to practice growing in love this week. It can be a general practice or specifically towards one person. It can be as small as checking up on a friend or family member,

or something bigger like serving at a food pantry. Just pick one way and commit to doing it. Then, after doing it, ask God to help your heart be more open to loving others.