

# HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO LIVE?

## Starting point:

If you have not heard the sermon, please take the time to go to our website [www.vcfj.org](http://www.vcfj.org) and listen to it BEFORE you start this small group lesson. It will allow you to take notes along the way and be ready for the questions at hand. Remember, this is not an exercise but rather a group discussion to help you on our Journey to Greatness. May the Lord bless your faithfulness.

## OVERVIEW

- Last week, Pastor ended the message by giving us ways we can “walk in the Spirit.” Discuss the ways that were shared last week?
- Pastor pointed us to **Eph. 5:18** which says, “But be filled with the Spirit.” What does that mean?
- According to **Galatians** and **Ephesians**, what are the marks of a born-again believer who is “filled with the Spirit?”
- Pastor mentioned that our vertical relationship with our Heavenly Father affects our horizontal relationship with those around us. Discuss this concept. Share some examples of this.
- What does **Matt 22:36-40** tell us about our vertical and horizontal relationships?

## Learning to LIVE TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT

### **Gal. 5:26-6:1**

- What are negative attitudes Paul shares in **Gal. 5:25-26**?
- What does it mean to be conceited or boastful?
- What was Paul zeroing in on by making this statement?
- What was Paul saying we have forgotten when we boast?
- What does it mean to provoke one another?
- What type of person provokes?
- What is this type of person refusing to show others that they have received from others?
- What does it mean to envy one another?
- What is this sin rooted in?
- What are people who envy missing from God? People with these attitudes have their eyes fixed on what others have, not what they possess in Jesus Christ.
- Who does **Eph. 1-3** tell us to fix our Spiritual eyes on?

## Learning TO DEMONSTRATE THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

### **Gal. 6:1-6**

- What are the four responses, four demonstrations Paul shares of a Spirit-Filled life?
- What does it mean to restore those who stumble? **(6:1)**
- What does Paul say about why we should watch ourselves from being tempted? Do we have to have conquered our own sin nature to be part of the restorative process?
- Why is this important? If we demonstrate a Spirit-Filled life, how are we to walk in every confrontation?
- What does it mean to bear one another's burden? **(6: 2-3)**
- What are the two important facts Pastor shared that are hidden in this command?
- What does Paul mean when he says, "we bear one another's burden, we fulfill the law of Christ?" (refer to **John 13:34-35**)
- What does it mean to take personal responsibility? **(6:4-5)**
- Does this contradict **verse 6:2**?
- Pastor shared two Greek words to help us.
  - *BAROS translates as burden and refers to the need to come to the aid of others who cannot carry the crushing burden of the consequences of sin.*
  - *PHORTION translates as load and refers to the word given to us by our Master, before whom we will have to give an account of how we used the opportunities and talents he gave us to serve Him.*
- Using this information with the entire passage we read Sunday (**Gal 5:26-6-5**), Paul said the real issue is one of compassion. What is Paul telling us?
- What does it mean to support your teacher? **(6:6)**
- What insight Pastor give us about this truth? What can we learn from **1 Tim 5:17-18** about this truth?
- How did Pastor summarize his thoughts about this truth of what a Spirit-Filled church, pastor and congregation should do together?

### **APPLICATION**

- How easily do you share your time and skills with others?
- How do you feel when you offer to serve but are turned down?
- How do you feel when you aren't thanked for going out of your way to serve somebody?
- Paul says, "you who are Spiritual should help." What is the best approach to helping a Christian brother or sister caught in sin?
- Do you want approval of others? Is it bad to take pride in yourself?
- In our Journey to Greatness, why is it important to have Christian friends?