

Satanic Christianity Part 2: Galatians 5:16-25

Icebreaker: How did you practice BLESS this week?

Discussion: For group discussion to be fruitful and engaging for everyone in your group, make sure that your discussion groups are not larger than 4 people. If possible, break up into groups of 2 or 3.

Larger Group: (5 minutes)

- Welcome everyone
- Introduce the direction for the evening.
 - Read Romans 8:12 - 15 highlight the following
 - The starting place of this conversation is that we have received the Spirit of God and we are children of God.
 - Our goal is to put to death the deeds of the flesh: legalism and licentiousness!
 - So, let us give up self-leadership and be led by the Spirit receiving His words over us that we are children of God!
- Prepare to break into smaller groups

Smaller Groups (20-25 minutes) Give the following instructions and break into small groups (2-3 people).

Have someone read Galatians 5:16-20. Paul is clear that we cannot depend on the flesh for Spiritual outcomes. Both legalism and licentiousness are self-centered, sinful ways of avoiding God. You can't please both the Spirit and the flesh!

- Where do you struggle with licentiousness or legalism in your life?
- What are some ways you attempt to look spiritually mature by using your flesh (determination, self-will, personality...)?
- How has trying to look spiritually mature actually robbed you of joy?
- Why does it seem for you to go back to depending on your flesh to produce spiritual maturity rather than depending on the Spirit?

Have someone read Galatians 5:21-25 Paul reminds us that spiritual maturity is a product of our relationship with Jesus by His Spirit residing in us! It is the Spirit, not our fleshly determinate, that provides a secure connection for us to Jesus! When we are securely connected to Jesus, we will produce fruit!

- How has legalism, or lawlessness deteriorated your sense of secure connection with Jesus?
- What are some ways that your personality has short-circuited producing the fruit of the Spirit in your life?
- How can we, as a community group, help one another to stay connected to the Spirit and produce His fruit in our lives?

(see more on next page)

Larger Group:

Return to larger group to give summary of your discussion in smaller groups (5-10 minutes)

Allow time to pray for the lost, end with B.L.E.S.S. (10-15 minutes)

Where are group members in the B.L.E.S.S. process? Model for them how to answer briefly, for example:

“I’m praying for _____”.

“I have been having good conversations with _____

_____”.

_____ on _____

_____ (day of the week).”

Closing prayer - (2-5-minutes)