**The Fruit of the Spirit**

**Read Galatians 5:16-26**

**Love: Learning to serve others**

**Reading for this Lesson: Luke 10:25-37**

1. In own words, describe what “The Fruit of the Spirit means to you:
2. After reading Luke 10:25-37, What are your initial impressions of how this conversation unfolds?
3. What do you notice about the way Jesus responds?
4. What key words or phrases jump out at you in this passage? Why?
5. The “expert in the law” decides to test Jesus’ knowledge of Scripture by asking, “What must I do to inherit eternal life?” (verse 25). Why do you think he asked this specific question?
6. Jesus decides to test the one testing Him (see verse 26), and the expert answers by quoting Deuteronomy 6:5. Why is this the “greatest commandment” (Matthew 22:38)?
7. Why must our love for God be multifaceted, involving our heart, soul, strength, and mind (see verse 27)?
8. The expert in the law also quotes Leviticus 19:18: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Why do you think the standard for loving others is the way we love ourselves (see also John 13:34)?
9. In a parallel passage, Jesus tells us. “The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.” (Matthew 22:40, NLT). How does it simplify your life to know that your primary goal is to love God and others?
10. After Jesus says, “Do this and you will live” (verse 28), the expert in the law tries to justify himself by asking, “And who is my neighbor?” (verse 29). How could the answer to this question make his goal of eternal life easier or more difficult?
11. Why do you think both the priest and the Levite refused to help the man and “passed by on the other side” (verse 31-32)?
12. In what specific ways did the Samaritan show love to the injured man (See verses 34-35)?
13. The expert in law had asked, “Who is my neighbor? “How does Jesus’ question in verse 36 change the nature of the question?
14. Why is that significant (See verses 36-37)?
15. How does God’s description of love differ from how we might understand love?
16. How does this affect our understanding of what love will look like in our lives as we bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit?
17. What would it look like for you to be a more loving neighbor at church, at work, and in your neighborhood?

**For Further Study**

Matthew 22:34-40 and Mark 12:28-31 are parallel passages to Luke 10:25-37. How does each one expand your understanding of the two great love commands? John 13:1-17 also provides an excellent example of how true love requires sacrificial service to others.