

Tree of Life - "Gentleness"

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Community:

1. If you could ask God one question, what would it be, and why?
2. When you watch the news or hear about everything that is going on in the world today, what issues or tragedies trouble you the most?

Core:

1. **Read Galatians 5:22-24.** What do you think it means to "crucify" your flesh and all the passions and desires that come with it? What do these desires look like in your life?
2. **Read Galatians 5:25.** What do you think it means to be "*in step*" with the Spirit? What do you think walking with the Spirit tangibly looks like in your life?
3. Jim said, "*Growth and change is not a passive process.*" What role do you believe you play in actually walking with God and actually bearing fruit? Where do you feel that you are in step, and out of step, with God's Spirit?
4. When you think about the words *gentleness* and *meekness* what comes to mind? Do you think of strength or weakness? Do you want to be a gentle or meek person? Why?

Challenge:

Take pen and paper and write these down. The first part is to choose at least one area of your life like your **sexuality, relationships, health, emotions, or your finances** and then run that area through the filter of:

1. *What's really going on?*
2. *What is it that God may be wanting to do in my life or someone else's life that I haven't thought of or considered?*
3. *What is it and why is it that God is telling me to do something different than what I have been doing so far?*

The second part is to think of a conflict or disaster you see in the world today or in the world around you and ask God these questions in prayer:

1. *What is really going on?*
2. *What might you want to do in the middle of this disaster?*
3. *How could you use me to be a part of what you are doing?*

The world needs the Church to go out and be the Church now more than ever. Who knows how God could use you to bring the awesome life of Christ to a lost and broken world.

(Please let us know if you are using these questions, and if they're helpful.

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