

One Heart Questions
Sunday, June 13th, 20 10

This week's One Heart Discussion will surround the growth process that the Holy Spirit wants to accomplish in our lives. The goal for your group is to discuss the process of becoming conformed to the image of Christ. This is a difficult process, impossible by ourselves, but all things are possible with God. Expressions like, "Being filled with the Spirit" and "Keeping in step with the Spirit" are used by Paul to help us see the Spirit's involvement in this process.

Passages to study before your session are:

Acts 2:36-39, 6:1-3; Romans 8:28-29, 12:1-2; Eph. 5:15-18; Gal. 5:16-26.

Discussion Questions...

1. When you were a kid, what profession did you want to be when you grew up?
2. As you grew older, what things got in your way of becoming that?
3. If you changed your plan, why did you change? If you became what you wanted to be, how did you keep your goal alive until you accomplished it?

Please read Romans 8:28-29 and Romans 12:1-2.

4. When you became a Christian, what things did you want to accomplish for God?
5. We know that God wants us to be conformed to the image of Christ. What things can get in the way of us trying to accomplish that?
6. Why do you think some people become discouraged, and even give up, on the goal of becoming like Christ?

Please read Acts 2:36-39 and Acts 6:1-3.

7. We all received the Holy Spirit when we were baptized. How much emphasis was placed on receiving the Spirit when you were baptized?
8. It's obvious that there is a difference between receiving the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Spirit. What do you think the difference is?

Please read Eph. 5:15-18 and Galatians 5:16-26.

9. What do you think it means to be "filled" with the Holy Spirit?
10. What do you think it means to "Keep in step" with the Spirit?
11. How do you think the Holy Spirit helps us in becoming like Christ?
12. What are some thoughts you have that can help us keep our goal of becoming like Christ alive, and not being discouraged and giving up?