



BIBLE STUDY BOOKLET

STUDIES 1-2

During the week @ Grace Christian Church

When		What	Who		Where
Day	Time	Ministry	Leader/Contact	Phone No	Location
MON	6:30pm	Kawana/Wurtulla Bible Study - fortnightly	Tim Richards	5438 2201	Phil Rapply 55 Mandara Drive, Wurtulla
	7:00pm	Buderim Home Group	Colin Weston	5476 9648	9 Bairnsdale St East, Buderim
	7:00pm	Hinterland Home Group (Palmwoods)	Mark & Glorianne Porter	5445 0940	23 Rimmel Pl, Palmwoods
TUE	10:30am	New Mum's Bible Study	Jean Bowen-Jones	0402 746 533	church
	7:00pm	Chancellor Park Bible Study	Callum Lewis	0421 230 119	603/25 Chancellor Village Blvd, Chancellor Park
	7:00pm	Nambour-Burnside Grace Community Grp	Des Morris	5476 3892.	14 Sue Street, Burnside
WED	9:30am	Play Group (for children from birth to prep & their parents)	Nicola Timmers	5445 5552	church
	7:00pm	Bli Bli Home Group	John Baird	5448 4040	50 Gallery Drive, Bli Bli
	7:00pm	Caloundra Home Group	Roger Anderson	5491 9442	72/242 Parklands Blvd, Currimundi
THU	9:45am	Ladies Bible Study	Alison Sheldon	5477 1895	church
	10:30am	Chancellor Park Nursing Home service	Pr Clint Lombard	0478 578 152	Chancellor Park Nursing Home
		Held on the 2nd Thursday each month			94 University Way, Sippy Downs
	7:00pm	Diddillabah Home Group—Held on the 1st & 3rd Thursday each month	Cameron & Jane Blue	5442 3103	22 Brookfield Crt, Diddillabah
	7:30pm	Sippy Downs/Buderim Bible Study	Pr Clint Lombard	0478 578 152	church
FRI	4:00pm	Kids Friday Club (prep - year 6)	Callum Lewis	0421 230 119	church
	7:00pm	Grace Alive (year 7-12 & Young Adults)	Callum Lewis	0421 230 119	church

SERMON NOTES
WEEK 1 - SPIRITUAL HORTICULTURE

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Please read Galatians 6:16-26

- 1) In these verses Paul describes two forces that are opposing one another. What are they? And what does Paul mean by them?

Following on from the previous question, please read Ephesians 4:20-24 & Colossians 3:8-11

- 2) What is significant about Paul using the expressions "Old Self" and "New Self" in these passages?

- 3) Can you spot the difference of "tense" between these two passages as Paul speaks about the Old and New Self? What does this difference teach us?

4) Do you ever feel this internal struggle between the Spirit/New Self and the Flesh/Old Self? If appropriate share an example with the group?

Please read Galatians 5:22-23.

5) What do you find most encouraging about the fact that the Holy Spirit WILL produce fruit in the life of every Christian?

6) What part must we play in the Spiritual Horticulture of our hearts and lives? What words in our passage are significant?

7) As we can see from the above questions there is a biblical tension between two truths. On one hand, the Bible clearly teaches that the Spirit gives a Christian the power to grow in godliness and assures us that we WILL grow, but on the other hand, the Bible also teaches that human effort is required. Which do you find you need to remind yourself of?

8) In Galatians 5:22-23 Paul writes about the Fruit of the Spirit, while in 1 Corinthians 12 he writes about the Gifts of the Spirit. Discuss the difference between Fruit and Gifts considering the following:

a) What is the Spirit's purpose in giving each?

b) How many of each does the Spirit give?

c) Are both a measure of Christian health and maturity? See 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3.

9) Which do you think you spend more time reflecting on in your life, Spiritual Fruit or Spiritual Gifts? Why? Could there be an unhealthy balance?

10) These questions are for personal reflection.

a) Can you look back over your Christian life and see progress in bearing Spiritual Fruit?

b) If you have the courage, ask your spouse or a trusted friend or family member if they can see the Holy Spirit at work in the garden of your life.

PRAYER POINTS

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WEEK 2 - LANDSCAPING LOVE

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- 1) Quickly recapping on last week's sermon and study, how would you define "spiritual fruit" and whose responsibility is it to produce spiritual fruit in a believer's life?

This week, we are going to be thinking about the first of the nine fruits of the Spirit: Love.

Please read Matthew 22:34-40.

This passage shows us that our first love must be *God*, and flowing out of that, our second love must be others.

2) When it comes to loving *God*:

a) What do you think it means to love *God* with all your heart?

b) What do you think it means to love *God* with all your soul?

c) What do you think it means to love *God* with all your mind?

3) How do you think our culture has distorted our understanding of the word "love"? How do you think a typical Australian would define love?

Please read 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

4) How does the Apostle Paul's definition of love here, differ from that of our society's?

5) Paul lists a range of ways in which Christlike love will demonstrate itself. Which do you find the hardest? Why?

Please read 1 John 4:7-12

6) What should we remember when we find that we are struggling to love others?

7) What do verses 11 and 12 say that we are also doing when we are showing love to one another?

8) How does verse 8 connect back to Galatians 5:22-23 which says that love is a Fruit of the Spirit?

9) Is there anyone in your life that you struggle to show Christian love towards? What steps can you take to remedy this?

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