



I Have the Advantage | Ronnie Johnson | 4.25.21  
Weekly Study

START

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

**What is the last great movie or TV show you watched? What did you like about it?**

SHARE

Welcome back to Group! This week, Ronnie gave a message about the power of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Before we dive into the sermon, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

**What is one word you would use to describe how you are currently feeling? Why did you pick that word?**

**What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?**

**What was the most challenging part of your week?**

**What was the highlight of your week?**

GROW

### **Read Galatians 5:13-26**

**Was that your first time reading this passage? If so, what did you learn? If not, what stuck out to you this time that you've never noticed before?**

**What do you think it means to be led by the Spirit?**

Every single one of us is packed full of potential. According to the Bible, God has plans for your life beyond anything you could ask, think, or imagine. However, if we are honest, we don't always feel like we live out those plans. Why? As Ronnie taught us this week, sometimes it's because we aren't being led by the Spirit. We need the Spirit of God operating in our life. Without the Holy Spirit, we are like an engine without a transmission. All the potential is there, but it isn't being accessed.

In the passage you just read, Paul tells us what it looks like when we walk in step with the Spirit. He gives us a list of the fruit that naturally becomes a part of our life when we let God lead!

We talk about the fruit of the Spirit a lot because they list the qualities we want to be known by as a church. Let's reread the list:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self-Control

**Which fruit of the Spirit comes most naturally to you? Why do you think you are so good at it?**

**Which fruit of the Spirit do you need to work on the most? What is one practical step you can take this week to get better?**

## MOVE

### Read Exodus 33:12-22

What do you know about this story? What is going on in the Book of Exodus? Why is it such an important book? Why is this such a meaningful conversation?

What do you think we can learn from the Book of Exodus? How is this book also for us today?

Which verse stuck out to you from this passage? Why?

In this Old Testament story, Moses is having a great conversation with the Creator of the Universe. In the discussion, God is getting Moses ready to continue moving forward and leading the Israelites to freedom. One of the most profound parts of the conversations is that Moses tells God: "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here" (Exodus 33:15).

That is such a beautiful picture. Moses is far enough along in his faith journey to realize that God's presence is more important than anything else. He wants to be with God so badly that he isn't willing to do anything unless it will point him back to God.

That's what comes from a lifetime of knowing and following after God. This week, Ronnie reminded us that we can learn how to have the same mindset; we just have to practice seeing and noticing the goodness of God. There are so many ways to see God's goodness, but here are three he gave us:

1. In God's Presence
2. In God's Word
3. With God's People

Do you ever take any time to experience God's presence? If so, what is your favorite way to do that? If not, what is one way you could start experiencing God's presence this week? Help everyone in your Group find a way that makes sense for them.

This week, do you have a set time in your calendar to experience God's goodness by reading God's Word? If so, when? And what are you going to read? If not, what would it look like to start reading the Bible this week? Pick a book to dive into and find someone in the Group who is willing to read with you.

We have to follow God for ourselves, but we can't follow God by ourselves. We need other people surrounding us and helping us on our journey. How has this Group helped you experience the goodness of God? What is one additional way you can spend time with someone from your Group this week?

#### P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

#### T O G O

*The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."*

- Exodus 33:14