The Spiritual Fruit of Freedom Bible Background: Galatians 5:16-26 Printed Text: Galatians 5:16-26 KJV/NLT Devotional Reading: Isaiah 32:1-8

Aim for Change (Page 442):

- 1. **EXPLORE** the freedom gained when "walking by the Spirit"
- 2. **DESIRE** the personal and relational qualities of a Spirit-led life
- 3. **SUPPORT** one another in living a life centered on Jesus Christ

In Focus (Page 442):

1. How can you discern the fruit of the Spirit in your own life? – Monday – Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:7-10; 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

The People, Places, and Times (Page 445):

- Fruit
- 1. What kind of fruit are you? Friday Matthew 7:15-20
- 2. What kind of pruning do you need? *Tuesday John 15:1-8*
 - a. Cut off cast into the fire due to lack of obedience/relationship with God 1 *Timothy* 5:12-13
 - b. Cut back God must sometimes discipline us to strengthen our character and faith 2 Timothy 3:12-17
- Church Identity
- 1. Where do I fit in? Romans 8:3-9; Hebrews 10:1; 1 Peter 4:14-19

Background (Pages 445):

1. What's the key to making progress in the realm of Christian freedom? – *Wednesday – James 3:13-18: 2 Peter 1:5-11*

In Depth (Pages 445-446)

- 1. Works of the Flesh (*Galatians 5:16-21*)
 - a. What are some other sins that we might not think to put on a list alongside murder and idolatry? *Proverbs 6:16-19*; *Colossians 3:5-11*
- 2. The Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-26)
 - a. How do you remind yourself that your sinfulness was nailed to the Cross? John 3:16; Romans 8:26-27; Galatians 2:20-21; 6:14-18; Ephesians 4:21-27

Discuss the Meaning (Page 446):

- 1. How does the works of the flesh undermine the Christian community? *Proverbs 18:21*; *Matthew 12:37*
- 2. How does the fruit of the Spirit unify us? Ephesians 4:1-6

^{**}Note – **Bold/Italicized** scriptures are to be read during class if time permits**

^{**}Note – Page references are out of the Precepts for Living w/Commentary 2021-2022** https://store.urbanministries.com/collections/precepts-for-living/products/precepts-for-living-commentary-2021-2022