

## The Work of the Spirit - Acts 19:1-10

- 1. In Acts 19:1-3, Paul asked these "disciples" a few questions to better understand where they were with Jesus. He needed to determine who or what they were disciples of. Why is it essential for us to examine the fruit on our trees? Why is it important for pastors and church leadership to protect against wolves or false disciples?
- 2. Why is it essential for a disciple to be filled with the Holy Spirit? What can happen to someone who is a disciple of Jesus in name only?
- 3. In my first point this weekend, I pointed out that there are many things that we can be disciples of. What are some things you gravitate towards being a disciple of rather than Christ? Do you find it easy to get swayed into following good things but not Jesus, i.e., church, ministry, pastors, etc.?
- 4. Read Galatians 5:16-25. What fruits do you portray in your life? What fruits are growing in your life? What fruit is hard to grow in your life?
- 5. Knowing that growth and maturity take time and they are not linear, how would you assess your growth in the Lord? Is your growth on the incline or the decline?
- 6. This past weekend I used the illustration of a bonsai tree to show that it is possible to have a tree with all the features of a fully grown mature tree yet be stunted in its growth? How do we continue to grow and mature as disciples of Jesus?

