

*Feel free to edit or reword questions to best fit your group. Check out this Facilitation Guide for tips on leading good discussions.*

### **Group Connection** (5-10 minutes)

**Share your name and answer the following questions:**

- **How are you currently feeling? Downcast? Joy-filled? Weary? Well?**
- It's Friday night after a terribly busy week, how do you spend it?

### **Opening Prayer**

Use this time to pray the prayer here, or offer one that follows a similar form:

- Lord, thank you for everyone who is gathered here together in this group. I ask that the Holy Spirit may be present with our conversation and with each one of us. Bless this time, bless the conversation, and bless our questions that might come out of this time. Amen.

### **Discover What God is Saying** (15-20 minutes)

Ask that people follow along in the Bible or Bible APP. You might consider looking up these passages online and share your screen to review them together.

**Ask someone to recap the message in about a minute or two, and then ask the following questions:**

- **What about the message stuck out to you, caused you to ask a question, or affirmed something you already believed?**
- **How does this message impact the way you understand the Holy Spirit, and how you see the Spirit working within you?**

**Invite someone to read Colossians 1:9-14. then ask the following questions:**

- **What is your initial reaction on first hearing this Scripture?**
- What do you think of bearing fruit in every good work? What does this mean to you?
- What does this passage say about us as people? How does it apply to spiritual growth?

### **Do What God is Saying** (10-15 minutes)

The Big Idea: *Spiritual Practices are means that the Holy Spirit uses to work in us growth and to nurture the fruit of the Spirit in our lives.*

- **How do you understand the relationship between faith, good works, and the Holy Spirit?**
- Have you practiced something that's helped you encounter growth? If yes, share this practice.

*Life Connection:* Give everyone a quiet minute to consider...

- What in me needs to be opened to **DO** what God is showing me today?
- How will you respond to this passage and/or the sermon message in a tangible way in the next three days?

### **Share What God is Saying** (10-15 minutes)

Invite everyone to think about how they could listen to the nudging of the Spirit and share the answers to the following questions:

- How did you surrender space to create room for the Spirit last week? What can this group do to help you release and/or cling to something in the coming week?

### **Closing Prayer**

Once everyone has a chance to share their answers, invite everyone to keep one another in prayer this week.