

**What is  
the Fruit  
of the  
Spirit?**

# BUILDING BLOCKS

**The Spirit's  
Fruit:  
LOVE**

**Part 2**

Throughout this month, we'll return again and again to foundational words of Jesus in **John 15:5**:

"I am the \_\_\_\_\_; you are the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that  
bears much \_\_\_\_\_..."

What **sort** of fruit? Listen carefully to John's first letter:

God is \_\_\_\_\_, and whoever abides in love  
abides in God, and God abides in him. (1 John 4:16)

Anyone who does not love does not \_\_\_\_\_  
God, because God is love. In this the love of God  
was made manifest among us, that God sent his only  
Son into the world, so that we might live through  
him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but  
that he loved us and sent his Son to be the  
propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us,  
\_\_\_\_\_ also ought to \_\_\_\_\_  
one another. (1 John 4:8-11)

The fruit of the Spirit is **LOVE**—  
doing what is \_\_\_\_\_ for others  
because we \_\_\_\_\_ about  
them. What does love *look* like?

Love is \_\_\_\_\_ and  
kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant  
or rude. It does not \_\_\_\_\_ on its own way;  
it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at  
wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love  
\_\_\_\_\_ all things, believes all things, hopes all  
things, endures all things. (1 Cor 13:4-7)

When we walk by the Spirit, connected to Jesus, we'll  
bear the fruit of **love** because **God is love**.



## For Class & Family Discussion:

- Does this **love** we're talking about always come **naturally** to us? Do we always **feel** like loving in this way? If not, why not? What might be getting in the way?
- Why would Jesus call us to do something we just don't feel like doing at times?
- "God is love." Let's unpack that big idea. What does it mean? What do we need to understand?
- Why would John go so far as to say, "Anyone who does not love does not know God"?
- How is "**doing what is best for others because we care about them**" a very different description of **love** than what we often hear and see in popular culture today?
- How does "**walking by**" the Spirit (Gal 5:16), following the "**lead**" of the Spirit (Gal 5:18), "**keeping in step**" with the Spirit (Gal 5:25) and "**sowing to**" the Spirit (Gal 6:8) produce the fruit of **love**?