

Luke 11—Redemption Applied

Connecting Group Questions January 3rd, 2010

1. From your experience, is the Holy Spirit over- or under-emphasized by the Christians you know? Why do you think this is the case?
2. The book of Acts teaches us that the Spirit continues and expands the ministry of Jesus. Where or to whom might the Spirit be using you as an agent of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:17-21) to extend the ministry of Jesus?
3. Galatians 5 lists the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Philippians 2:13 promises that God works in you to will and to do his good pleasure. So, if one the Spirit's works is to cause the fruit of the Spirit to grow, which ones in particular do you need? As a group, take time to pray and ask the Spirit to produce these particular fruit.
4. In Galatians 3, Paul asks: "Who has deceived you? Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" Are there any places where you started with the Spirit but are now trying to attain goals by your own effort? When you pray as a group, this could be a good moment to confess specific instances of self-reliance.