



Message Outline

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Galatians 5:13-26

Uncommon LOVE

Series: UNCOMMON – *Cultivating Spiritual Character*

A DIFFERENT WAY TO THINK ABOUT YOUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY

- Rule keepers try to keep the works of the law *Galatians 1-4; 2:16*
- Rule breakers indulge in the acts of the flesh *Galatians 5-6; 5:19*
- But believers cultivate the fruit of the Spirit *Galatians 5:22-23*

Why is this uncommon?

LOVE DEFINED:

- It is sourced in God, not your affections *Galatians 5:22-23*
- It is a choice, not a feeling.
- It reveals your character, not your emotions.

Why is it first?

What does it say about God?

HOW DO WE CULTIVATE UNCOMMON LOVE?

- Resist loving others to earn God's favor *Galatians 5:18*
- Reject selfishness *Galatians 5:24*
- Rely on the Holy Spirit *Galatians 5:25*
- Remember when we love others, we love God *Galatians 5:26*



HomeGroup Questions

Fall Session 2018

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1. Welcome to our Fall 2018 HomeGroups session. Get to know any new members in your group and have everyone choose one song or movie title that captures what their summer was like. Explain.
2. What is the most uncommon fruit you have ever eaten? (Extra credit: Leader, bring an exotic fruit to the group and cut it up for everyone to try). This fall we will be unpacking each trait of the fruit of the Spirit and discovering why they are so rare in today's culture.
3. Reread Galatians 5:13-26 and review the message outline. What part of the message hit home with you and why?
4. Why is it so easy for believers to turn Christianity into a bunch of rules? In Galatians, Paul is adamant that this is dangerous and contrary to the gospel. Why?
5. Why is the Fruit of the Spirit a better way to think about your Christian responsibility? Does this make it easier or harder to follow Christ? Explain.
6. How does our culture define love? Can you think of a song that reflects one of these cultural definitions? How does that differ from a biblical view of love?
7. Which of the four aspects of cultivating uncommon love (bottom of the outline) would you benefit most from focusing on this week? Why?
8. Did anything connect differently for you as you took communion this week? How does communion inform the way we think about love?
9. Take time to share prayer requests and pray together. Remember to save time to actually talk to God about these requests rather than simply expressing them to one another. (Hint: assign someone in your group to record the prayer requests and answers during this session. You'll be encouraged to see how faithful God is).