**SCC SMALL GROUPS**

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**Getting Alone with Challengers**

**Galatians 5:6-26 & James 4:2-7**

**Getting Started:**

1. What does your garden grow without your help?

 \* With your help?

 2. You notice a friend doing something self-destructive, but without any self-

 awareness. Do you point it out?

 \* What happened the last time you tried?

 3. Over what and with whom did you quarrel most when you were a kid?

**Searching the Scripture:**

1. In Galatians 5:13-15 how does Paul navigate between the danger of legalism on the

 one side and total license on the other?

 2. Paul says a) we are not "under the law" anymore b) we are to fulfill it? How can

 both be true at once? Hint: What are we free from? What are we free for?

 3. According to Paul, if you were made alive by the Spirit, how come we still struggle

 with sin?

 4. Since we are not under the law, what is wrong with indulging our sinful nature once

 in a while?

 5. If not by rule-keeping, how then do we grow spiritually?

 \* How do the Fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) flesh out what Paul means by "Christ formed in you" (cf. Gal. 4:19)?

 \* Practically what does it mean to you to "crucify" the sinful nature and "keep in step" with the Spirit?

 6. James 4:1 points out that we as Christians "fight and quarrel" amongst ourselves.

 What are people around you "fighting and quarrelling" about?

 7. How is James' tenfold prescription (James 4:7-10) an effective antidote?

 8. What is meant in James 4:1 by "adulterous people" and "friendship with the world"?

 \* And in James 4:7-10, "submission to God"?

 9. What is the issue concerning "judging others" being address in James 4:11-12?

**Application of the Scriptures:**

A. What in Pastor Scott's message stood out to you most?

B. How do you steer your life away from the "dead ends" in life towards what is

 "good fruit'?

 C. What is your usual response when your desires are frustrated?

 \* Where does that get you?

 D. Lately, when you pray, do you find yourself telling, asking, or praising God?