IN STEP WITH

THE SPIRIT

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IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT:
HOW TO KEEP IN STEP

Key Scriptures

Galatians 5:25
Acts 7:6, 60

Opening

Ask the group: in what ways do we see the idea of conformity displayed in the culture around us?

Watch the Session 1 Video.

Discuss the following questions:

1. Why should Christians be out of step with the surrounding culture?

2. What are some things the Holy Ghost should produce in our lives?

3. What does it mean to bear fruit?

4. What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

5. Why must we stay full of the Spirit? How do we do this?

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SESSION TWO

IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT: ABOVE ALL, LOVE

Key Scriptures

Colossians 3:14

Opening

Ask the group: what is something that makes you feel loved? Why?

Watch the Session 2 Video.

Discuss the following questions:

1. What makes being loved and feeling loved two of the highest priorities in our lives?

2. How should love influence our actions toward those who are different from us?

3. Do you struggle at times to genuinely love and care for others? Why or why not?

4. What should be our motivation for loving others?

5. What are some ways your church family shows love to guests, the surrounding community, and to one another?

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SESSION THREE

IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT:
THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Key Scriptures

Galatians 5:22-23

Opening

Ask the group: if you have received the gift of the Holy Ghost, how is your life different now than it was before that experience?

Watch the Session 3 Video.

Discuss the following questions:

1. How does the "fruit" that we bear demonstrate the type of person we are? Give examples.

2. Can fruit be faked? Can it be faked consistently?

3. What are some characteristics that should define a disciple of Jesus Christ?

4. Why do our reactions to situations often reveal what is inside of us?

5. How does being in step with the Spirit affect the fruit that we bear?

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SESSION FOUR

IN STEP WITH THE SPIRIT: AUTHENTIC LIVING

Key Scriptures

Galatians 5:17

Opening

Ask the group to share a time when they were disapointed because their expectation did not match their reality (i.e. a trip, restuarant, product, etc.).

Watch the Session 4 Video.

Discuss the following questions:

1. How can we be guilty of inauthentic Christianity?

2. Why do we try to fool people at times with our behavior?

3. How does our behavior reflect our Source-the Spirit?

4. What is the danger of hypocrisy in our Christian lives?

5. What are some practical ways we can follow the leading of the Spirit?

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