INGREDIENTS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Hebrews 10:24-25

THE TRUTH ABOUT GROWTH

- 4 Ingredients for Spiritual Growth
 - THE <u>HOLY SPIRIT</u> PROVIDES <u>POWER</u> & <u>MOTIVATION</u>. (Philippians 2:13)
 - ② THE <u>BIBLE</u> PROVIDES <u>GUIDANCE</u> & <u>PERSPECTIVE</u>. (Psalm 119:105)
 - **3** THE <u>ACT OF SERVING</u> PROVIDES <u>HUMILITY</u> & <u>MATURITY</u>. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - **①** OTHER <u>CHRISTIANS</u> PROVIDE <u>SUPPORT</u> & <u>ACCOUNTABILITY</u>. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

LIVE BETTER - GET CONNECTED

You live better when...

- **1** OTHERS ARE <u>WATCHING</u>
- **2** YOU ARE <u>YOURSELF</u>
- **3** <u>WISDOM</u> IS AVAILABLE
- ◆ ENCOURAGEMENT IS RECEIVED

REALife Application

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- 1. This weekend we saw that the Holy Spirit provides both power and motivation according to Phil 2:13, share with the group an example when you felt that God gave you the desire or motivation to do what He had called you to do.
- 2. Read Exodus 20:1-7 and compare it to Jeremiah 31:31-34 & Ezekiel 36:25-27, what is the difference between the way God used to relate to His people versus the way that he now relates to us?
- 3. There are over 30 "one another" commands in the New Testament that are hard or nearly impossible to fulfill in a large group setting or by yourself. Here are a few of them. After reading each verse below, identify the "one another" command in each one

John 13:34-35	Ephesians 4:32
Romans 12:10	Ephesians 5:21
Romans 12:16	Colossians 3:9
Romans 14:13	1 Thessalonians 5:15
Romans 15:7	Hebrews 3:13
Romans 15:14	Hebrews 10:24
Colossians 3:16	Hebrews 10:25
1 Corinthians 12:25	James 4:11
Galatians 5:13	James 5:16

4. This weekend we saw that one of the key ingredients for spiritual growth is the Holy Spirit. A potential hindrance to His power and motivation working in our lives is the sinful and self-centered nature we are all born with. Galatians 5:16-26 describes the conflict between the two.

What contrasting behaviors characterize the Spirit and the sinful nature? How do these behaviors correspond to the "one anothers" listed above?

What does this passage say about what the believer's responsibility is for living in the Spirit?

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