## SAVOURING OUR SAVIOUR RIPE 'N' READY LOVE

**READ:** (Galatians 5:22-23 & 1 Corinthians 13:4-10)

Keep in mind that the *Fruit* here is not something that originates with us but something that we're known for because Christ, through the Holy Spirit dwells in us.

- **Q.** WHAT is your favourite fruit to eat, and HOW best do you like to eat it?
- Q. IS there any fruit you've never tasted but would like to?
- Q. Why does Paul refer to "fruit" as a singular "fruit" rather than the plural "fruits"?
- **Q.** HOW does the Fruit of the Spirit differ from the "good" actions done in the life of someone who doesn't have Christ dwelling in them, do you think?
- Q. WHAT does a person's actions tell you about them?
- **Q.** IS the *fruit* here in (Galatians 5:22-23) attitudes or actions, or both?
- Q. DO you think the list in Galatians is an exhaustive list of character traits of a Christ-follower? Why/Why not?

Love is the first fruit of the Spirit

- Q. WHY is love so important and WHY are we to love? (Matthew 22:36-40)
- Q. HOW do we know if we are showing the fruit of love? (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)
- Q. HOW are we to love and WHAT should love lead to? Consider Love of the poor: (Matthew 25:34-40)

Love through serving: (Luke 10:35-37)

Love that forgives: (Matthew 18:21-35)

Love with our words: (James 3:3-12)

- **Q.** WHY do you think Paul says (1 Corinthians 13:8) that *love never fails*, and how ought that to impact our lives, our fellowship, and our community?
- Q. WHAT might make us more lovingly RIPE 'N' READY?

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