Introduction: What is the Holy Spirit’s top priority?

- According to Jesus - John 14 – 16
- According to the early Church - Acts 1-5
- According to the apostle’s teaching - 2 Corinthians 3:17-18, James 1:2-4, Ephesians 4:13, Romans 8:29

Summary:
The Spirit’s primary purpose is to _____________________________ me into the “Image of Christ.”
What is Christ-likeness or spiritual fruit?

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
  
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
  
- Faithfulness
- Gentleness
- Self-Control

In our relationship with God

In our relationship to others

In our relationship with ourselves

How is spiritual fruit developed?

**Conviction** of Spirit

John 16:7-13

**Spiritual birth** / New Life

John 3:5, 2 Corinthians 5:17

**Nurturing** of Spiritual Babes

- Through the Word
- Through the Body

1 Peter 2:2-3

1 Thessalonians 2:7-8, 11

**Abiding** in Christ

John 15

- Through the Word, Prayer
- Through Relationships

**Walking** in the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-18, Hebrews 5:11-14

**Spiritual Adulthood**

Ephesians 4:14-16, Galatians 5:22-26
How does the spiritual life work?

1. Spirituality is the life of Christ.
   - Ephesians 3:16-17
   - Philippians 1:21
   - Galatians 5:19-23

2. Spirituality is the life of Christ, reproduced in the believer.
   - 2 Corinthians 5:17
   - Galatians 2:20
   - 2 Corinthians 4:5-10

3. Spirituality is the life of Christ, reproduced in the believer, by the power of the Holy Spirit.
   - Acts 1:8
   - Galatians 5:16, 25
   - Romans 8:1-17

   - Hebrews 5:11-14
   - John 8:31-32
   - James 1:19-27
Conclusion: Are you in step with the Spirit?

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the Holy Spirit’s primary purpose in our lives?

2. What does this spiritual transformation look like? What does Galatians 5:22-23 call this work of the Spirit in us?

3. What did you learn about the “Fruit of the Spirit,” what was most helpful?

4. How does understanding how the spiritual life works help you cooperate with God’s plans for your transformation?

5. What specific step of faith/obedience would allow you to keep “in step” with the Spirit’s fruit-producing ministry in your life? When and how will you take that step?