

Sermon Title: Summer Series 24: The Fullness of God

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-25; Jonah 4

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- 1. What is your favorite fruit? Why? [Note: take a break to gather answers before continuing] "Fruit" is the primary metaphor that Paul the apostle uses as he writes Galatians 5:16-25. How does this help our understanding?
- 2. Galatians 5:19-21 details the "fruit" or works of the flesh including "things like these" in case something was missed. Galatians 5:17 says that these are opposed to God. Why?
- 3. Galatians 5:22-23 contrasts the works of the flesh with the fruit of the Spirit. How does this list reflect the character of God?
- 4. The fruit of the Spirit describe those who now live by the Spirit. For those of us who call ourselves Chrsitians, these characteristics should describe our life as well. How have you seen this in your life?
- 5. Not how the fruit of the Spirit is not singular; we are not able to pick and choose which we will have and which we will discard (i.e. I will be good, but not kind; I will love but not have self-control). Are there fruit of the Spirit you need to develop?
- 6. A.W. Tozer says, "All that God does agrees with all that God is and being and doing are one in Him. The familiar picture of God as often torn between His justice and His mercy is altogether false to the facts." Have you ever thought about God's attributes being in conflict with one another? When and how so?
- 7. Jonah 4 is a perfect example to display God's character and how He is never conflicted. Why was Jonah angry? Have you ever been angry for those reasons?
- 8. Jonah 4 also reveals something about us. We often want God's mercy towards us but desire God's justice for others. How do you see yourself in Jonah? Why is it surprising that a prophet of Israel is taking this response rather than the people of Nineveh?
- 9. Have you experienced God's faithfulness, goodness, justice, mercy, grace, love, or holiness more? Which do you desire to experience and know more of today? Let's take time to pray that we would experience the fullness of God together?