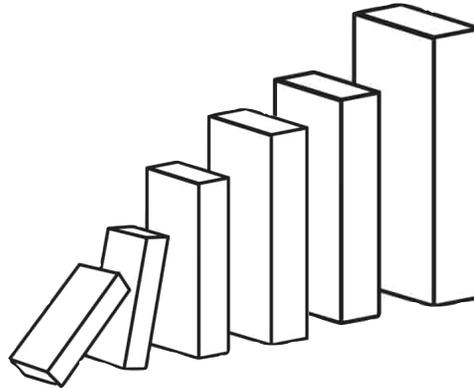




What is a Christian? Part 7

Opening Game/Thought

Epic Dominos - you've all done or, at least, seen lining up dominos, perfectly spaced, and watched the first one knock them all down. But why stop there!? As a family, create a domino effect across your entire house, using dominos, books, tennis balls, cats, whatever you think will work! Record it and share it with the Youth Group!



You've experience, your parents have definitely experienced, the sensation of looking into your past and seeing how one small event affected a series of huge moments in your life. What a power to have! Doing one small thing to affect the trajectory of your life and others.

Check it! (Scan this QR code)



Scripture:

Take a deep breath in and breathe out. Bring your mind and body to an open space as you read the scripture

Galatians 5:22-26 (NRSV)

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, competing against one another, envying one another.

Galatians 6:8-10 (Laughing Bird Translation)

What you put into life determines what you'll get back. If your investments are all in your own selfish impulses, they'll pay out a dividend of degradation and misery. But if you invest yourself in the ways of the Spirit, your investment will yield rich dividends of life without limit, guaranteed forever by the Spirit. So let's see that we never get tired of doing the right thing. If we don't lose patience, but stay in for the long term, we will richly rewarded. Let's take every opportunity, then, to contribute our energies to making the world a better place for everybody. And as a starting point, let's especially care for our co-workers in the community of faith.

Group Questions

- Which part of the fruit of the Spirit stands out to you the most? Why do you think that is?
- What is something that you thought was small in your past but resulted in something big?
- What is a starting point for you today, a small kind thing in partnership with the Spirit that you can do?

Prayer

Spirit, open our eyes to the world around us. Let us see the fruit of our actions. If we're hurting others, help us to stop. If there is a way for us to love more, help us to act! Amen

Thought

How do you affect the world around you? A good measure of this is the fruit of the Spirit, because fruit is a result of a tree. The Fruit of the Spirit is a result of good actions. Do people around you demonstrate love? Are they joyful? Are they peaceful? Are you patient? Are others kind because of you? Are they generous because of you? Do you inspire people to faith, gentleness, and controlling their desires? If no, consider how you're living your life! If we act like a Christian, the world around us will be blessed, and people will see the Kingdom of God. And the amazing thing - all of those traits come from the same fruit. Growing close to and demonstrating the Spirit brings about the WHOLE fruit.

Closing Prayer (write yourself)
