

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
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The Big Idea

God's Spirit wants to use small group community to PULL us in His direction away from the enemy's forces.

Question:

- 1.) Share with your group a time when felt "pulled," in two different "directions," with a decision (example where to send kids to school, choice of family car, career etc...)
- 2.) Where do you think our kids feel "pulled," in an unhealthy direction?

Group Reads: Galatians 5: 16-25

16 So I advise you to live according to your new life in the Holy Spirit. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves.

17 The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These **two forces are constantly fighting each other**, and your choices are never free from this conflict.

18 But when you are directed by the Holy Spirit, you are no longer subject to the law.

19 When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, your lives will produce these evil results: sexual immorality, impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure,

20 idolatry, participation in demonic activities, hostility, quarreling, jealousy, outbursts of anger, selfish ambition, divisions, the feeling that everyone is wrong except those in your own little group,

21 envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other kinds of sin. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God.

22 But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, and self-control. Here there is no conflict with the law.

24 Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

25 If we are living now by the Holy Spirit, let us follow the Holy Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

26 Let us not become conceited, or irritate one another, or be jealous of one another.

Group Watch: If possible have a lap top or computer connected to the internet and watch again the Youtube Skit "Lighthouse Everything."

Comment: The “you,” in the Galatians passage is plural. Paul is speaking to a group of believers.

3.) If we were to be vulnerable in what areas do we feel pulled in a direction away from Christ? In what areas of our Christian journey do we feel consistently pulled in a direction by our sinful carnal nature?

4.) Are there family members and friends who we see are being pulled in a direction away from Jesus? What are some ways we could connect with them and be an intentional influence where the Spirit would use one of us to pull someone in the direction of Jesus?

5.) In what ways could we as a group help “Pull,” each other in the direction of the Spirit? How could we intentionally connect with each other outside of small group and our worship service to be used by Spirit to pull away from our sinful nature towards Jesus?

6.) What are you going to put in place this week to make this happen? Who is going to hold you accountable?