**Life Group Lesson -- Week of September 16-22**

The Fruit of the Spirit is…Love

Text: Galatians 5:22-25

Open It: When you were a child, who do you remember was the most loving person in your life? How did they show love to you?

Explore It:

1. Why is helpful to distinguish the different types of love as shown in the original Greek language of the New Testament?

Storge – Family type of love.

Phileo – Friendship type of love.

Eros – Romantic type of love.

Agape – Unconditional type of love.

 How has God shown you unconditional love? (Read Rom. 5:7-8)

 How can we in practical ways show unconditional love to others?

1. What makes it hard to show unconditional or “as is” type of love?

Does loving someone mean that you always let them “get their way” or allow them to live “recklessly”? Where does “tough love” fit into this description?

1. What qualities does love have? (Read I Cor. 13:4-8a)

 In what ways has God loved you according to the qualities of love listed?

 Is this a good description of Jesus?

1. Read Paul’s prayer in Eph. 3:14-21. What is Paul asking God to do?

When have you felt overwhelmed by the love of God? If we are to bear the fruit of love why is it important to be filled with God’s love? Can you truly show God’s love to others if you don’t have His love in you?

1. Where does the power come from to bear the fruit of love in our lives? (John 15:4, 9-10)

Apply It:

 In what practical ways can you show a love that never fails in your Life Group?

 How could you show love to a difficult person this week?

 Read I Corinthians 13:4-8a again, but this time put your name in the place where is says “love.”