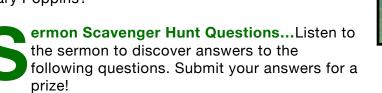
## Sermon Scavenger Hunt Galatians 5:16-6:5

hink about it...Who would win in an epic battle: Dumbledore or Yoda? Captain America or Mr. Incredible? Olaf or Dory? A Great White Shark or a Grizzly Bear? Dora the Explorer or Mary Poppins?





- 1. For many Christians the Holy Spirit is the lesser known member of the Trinity. How do you view the Holy Spirit's involvement in your life?
- 2. True or False. Under the law we are slaves, fearful, burdened, and insecure. Under Jesus Christ we are free children and heirs secure in the gift of salvation.
- 3. We can be enslaved by law and we can be enslaved by \_\_\_\_\_. (Fill-in-the-blank)

## Read Galatians 5:16-25.

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

4. According to the apostle Paul in Galatians 5, what are the two competing forces raging an epic battle in our lives?

- 5. What does Paul mean by "flesh"? Why do you think people are vulnerable to acts of the flesh?
- 6. How can we overcome sin and temptations of the flesh in our lives?
- 7. How would you describe someone who "walks by the Spirit"?
- 8. How do we get more "fruit of the Spirit" in our lives? (Hint: See Gal 5:24-25).

## Read Galatians 5:26-6:4.

<sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. <sup>1</sup> Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> If anyone thinks they are something when they are not, they deceive themselves. <sup>4</sup> Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else, <sup>5</sup> for each one should carry their own load.

- 9. Those who are living and walking according to the Spirit should restore a brother or sister caught in sin gently. Why would conceit be a temptation for a person who helps restore?
- 10. We live out the law of Christ to love our neighbor when we help bear burdens. What sort of burdens could you help carry for members in your family this week? Has anyone ever helped you bear a burden? How?
- 11. Instead of scrutinizing others' sin and comparing our actions to their actions, we must remember that someday we will individually stand before God carrying our own load. But remember, Christ was the ultimate burden-bearer when he took upon his shoulders our sin and the curse of the law. Our load is light because of Christ! How does this change the way you live?