

Growing Together Discussion Questions – November 10, 2013
God the Holy Spirit

Questions just for Fun

1. What's your most memorable (good or bad) airplane flight?
2. How many bones have you broken? Share the details.

Questions from the Sermon

1. Scripture tells us, "The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned" (1 Cor. 2:14). When did the Spirit open your eyes and cause you to understand and respond to the gospel? How did that happen in your life?
2. Since the Spirit is the only one who is capable of illuminating our minds to understand and respond to the gospel, this removes all *pride* and *anxiety*. How does this reality help us in our task of personal evangelism?
3. "The Spirit does not make study needless, but effective." What does this statement mean? Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. What does it mean to "live by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:16-17)? What are the results of "living by the Spirit" (Gal. 5:22-25)?
5. The list of "fruits" in Galatians 5:22-23 is not an exhaustive list. Instead, these virtues deal mainly with how to behave in relation to other people. Which fruit(s) comes most easily to you? Which fruit(s) is most difficult for you?
6. The Holy Spirit always desires peace and unity (Gal. 5:22). Scott McKnight says, "We must always salt and pepper our viewpoint and opinion with the possibility that we are wrong." Discuss how this would help achieve peace and unity in the church.