

Discussion Guide for John 11:45-48

1. Read John 11:45-48 and then briefly review the sermon outline.

What parts of Sunday's lesson did you find helpful, enlightening, unclear, or troubling?

2. Truth: In the flesh, men will sell out Jesus for a scrap of worldly pleasure. Paul describes this tragedy saying "we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth" (Hebrews 10:26). The Holy Spirit, who lives inside of us, protects us from selling out as we walk close to Him.

Read 2 Peter 1:19–21 & Psalm 119:9–11

- What is the primary tool that the Holy Spirit has given us to stay away from sin and on the path of righteousness?
- What preemptive protection does reading and memorizing God's word provide?
- What "in the moment" protection does knowing and memorizing God's word provide?
- How have you experienced the Holy Spirit guide or guard you using His word?

Read Galatians 5:16–26

- What do the terms "walk by" (5:16), "led by" (5:18) and "keep in step with" (5:25) teach us about living controlled by the Holy Spirit?
- How have you experienced Him guiding you away from sin and towards holiness?
- How can pre-identifying these "works of the flesh" help to avoid getting out of step with the Holy Spirit?
- How can pre-identifying these "fruit of the Spirit" help us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit as He leads us?