

Bible Chat week starting 26 6 22

1. Do any of you remember the film Good Will Hunting? If so, share your impressions, and also what you consider to be the moral of the story. David said that the eponymous character Will Hunting stands at the gate of love, fame and success, but prevents himself from going in through a fear of failure. Try to give other examples from life or fiction about how life might be thwarted through a fear of failure.
2. **Galatians 5:22 - 23** famously lists the fruit of the Spirit. Why does Paul use the metaphor of fruit? What does it imply about the nature of spiritual gifts?
3. Share what prevents us from allowing the fruit of the Spirit to grow in our community life. Does a fear of failure play a part?
4. The fruit of the Spirit is seen in a group context. They are qualities of living shared by a community of disciples. How can we carry on living out the fruit when others fail to do so? How can we craft a communal life in which these qualities do indeed come to maturity?

Read Luke 9: 57 - 62.

5. Three men come to Jesus apparently eager to follow him. Why does Jesus bring the challenges he does to each one?
6. Living the faith is an adventure requiring the commitment of the whole heart. What limits our own willingness to follow Jesus?
7. If faith is indeed spelt R I S K, what might we be willing to risk doing as a church community? Can we dream of something fresh that would only work because Jesus is in it?