



## LIFELINE Discussion Guide

Week of January 2, 2025

1. What is the largest fire you have ever personally witnessed? Was it a bonfire— or something larger, like a house, barn, or vehicle fire? Where was it, and what do you remember? How would you describe the light and the heat from that fire?
2. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:19 and then 2 Timothy 1:6-7. What do these two verses say about the “fire” of the Holy Spirit’s influence in your life? What should be avoided, and what should be promoted?
3. What are some of the things that can “extinguish” the influence of the Holy Spirit in our everyday lives? Give some real-life examples. Which of these have you struggled against?
4. Read Galatians 5:16-24. How would you summarize this section of Scripture in your own words? Who was the author of this text, and who was he writing to? Based on these words, what was threatening the life and vitality of these Christian people?
5. Pastor Jared spent time unpacking the threat of IDOLATRY. You may not have a statue of a pagan deity or an idol set up in your home, but idolatry is still a temptation for Christians in 2025 America. What is idolatry? What are some of the most common “idols” that draw today’s believers away from the LORD?
6. What are the “fruits” of the Holy Spirit’s influence according to verses 22-23? What does it mean to “crucify the flesh” with its passions and desires? Do you have the power to do this on your own, or do you need Someone’s help? Who can help you in this area? (see John 15:4)
7. Pastor Jared unpacked three strategies that can help you rekindle your passion for Jesus in 2025— how would you explain these statements in your own words? What do these look like in real life?
  - a. *Begin each day by consciously surrendering your will to God.*
  - b. *Reflect on your life and identify anything that has become an idol.*
  - c. *Find a trusted friend or mentor who can help you stay accountable in your walk with Christ.*
8. Close your Life Group with a time of prayer, asking JESUS to help you to actively abide with Him in 2025, where you are fighting off the passions of the sinful flesh, while embracing the influence of the Holy Spirit.

*To rekindle your passion for Jesus, you must extinguish the passions of the flesh.*