



## Small Group Discussion Guide

August 5, 2018

### Sermon Title:

"You Ain't the Boss of Me!"

**Sermon Text:** Galatians 5:19-26

**Scripture Reading:** John 8:31-41

**Leader:** *Please allow a moment for introductions/visiting. Have someone offer a brief prayer inviting God to speak and lead using the group's discussion.*

**Getting Started:** Do you ever remember using the sermon title in a state of anger? Perhaps with a sibling or a friend with whom you had had an argument? Share your story. ☺

### Discussion:

1. Look back to the Garden of Eden story. When did Satan first try to assert his authority over Adam and Eve? **(Reference: Genesis 3:1-4)**
2. Can you remember a time when you were specifically aware of Satan trying to entice you to fall prey to his authority? Has he placed a "forbidden fruit" in your reach that appealed to you?
3. Remember that the Holy Spirit's presence within us produces an attitude consistent with godly living. Scripture calls them the "fruits" of the Spirit; those traits that are present in the maturing Christian's life. Can you recall them? Can you memorize them in order? **(Reference: Galatians 5:22,23)**
4. Are you familiar with the phrase: "The devil made me do it" ? As we consider the last of the fruits, we are reminded of a trait we are to possess: "self-control". Where is this most exhibited in your life? Where do you think you may fall short in this area? Satan knows our weaknesses, but scripture teaches "he ain't the boss of us."
5. Discuss these statements and share your opinion:
  - \*Satan **cannot** make himself our boss.
  - \*God **will not forcefully** make Himself our boss.
  - \*We must accept the responsibility of our choices and actions.
6. Further points for discussion:
  - \*God has created us with the power to choose. (Free will)
  - \*Jesus gave His life to give us freedom from sin. **(Reference: John 8:36)**
  - \*Holy Spirit produces self-control as a fruit of the Spirit. (A by-product of His presence.)

**Closing:** Close by sharing prayer requests. Pray for each another and for the needs that were shared. **Have a blessed week. GO SHARE JESUS!**