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MESSAGE APPLICATION Guide

Start with an icebreaker question to get everyone talking, then choose the questions that work best for your group.

Nine Flavors ONE Fruit
Week 5

ICE-BREAKER:

How has the Lord been speaking to you through this series?

When have you had an experience to show gentleness, similar to what Jerry shared?

DISCUSS:

When are you most vulnerable to NOT being gentle?

Where is it more difficult for you to be gentle (at home, at work, with extended family, coworkers, neighbors, friends)? Why do you think this is?

READ: *"A gentle answer deflects anger, but harsh words make tempers flare."*
- Proverbs 15:1 (NLT2)

"Everyone enjoys a fitting reply; it is wonderful to say the right thing at the right time!" **- Proverbs 15:23 (NLT2)**

Have someone talk about an experience where they had the opportunity to choose a gentle answer over a harsh response, then have someone share the opposite.

What enables us to make the right choice when it comes to how we interact with others?

Why does it sometimes seem easier to speak harshly rather than gently?

APPLY:

Ask God to help you do what you know you can't do on your own—then respond with gentleness and watch what happens.

Pray as a group for the Lord to develop more of His Spirit in your life.