

Discussion Guide

Series: The Promise Wk 3: Promise of Fruitful Lives

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Big Idea

If we remain in Jesus, we will be fruitful forever!



Icebreaker

Share an application you realized this past week by reading through & processing the Daily Readings for this Sermon Series.



Discussion Questions

1. Share with one another the 1st image or phrase that comes to mind when you hear the word “connection”. Why, as people, do we desire connections with others? Do you agree (and why or why not) that deep down all desire a connection with God (even if they don’t realize it)? Why is being connected to others & God important?
2. The opposite of connection is disconnection. What are the results for us of disconnection from others? What are the results for us of disconnection from God? In what ways are these results devastating personally & for the advancement of the Kingdom of God?
3. Read John 15:1-4. Point out & discuss areas of this passage that refer to both “connection” & “disconnection”. The idea of pruning that Jesus communicates here indicates that God is actually creating disconnection. Why is He doing that & in what ways is He? Fill in the following blanks: “*Just as a plant needs c_____inual care & maintenance, so do our sp_____ual lives.*” Do you agree with that statement, and do you have an example of where God led &/or helped you to do some healthy pruning in your life? Was that easy or difficult and in what ways?
4. Read John 15:5-6. We see Jesus almost repeating Himself here. Why do you think He is doing so? What part of the timeline is Jesus in regarding His life as He speaks these words and do you think that relates to why He is seen repeating Himself & if so, how? Fill in the following blanks that communicate something Jesus wants them & us to understand & respond to: “*If you r_____ in me and I in you, you will be f_____ful forever! If you do not r_____ in me, you will eventually be d_____ forever!*”
5. We see the following progression in what Jesus is communicating here for those not remaining in Him: 1) thrown away 2) withered 3) picked up 4) thrown into the fire 5) burned. How can realizing there is a progression provide hope if we have not been remaining in Him &/or if we are experiencing a “dry spiritual season” in our life? Yet, what is the sober warning from John 15:6 for the one who persistently lives a life disconnected from Jesus?
6. What are ways that we remain connected with the people in our life? How can these ways also be used to remain connect with Jesus? What are other ways you can remain connected to Jesus? Is there a particular way to remain connected with Jesus that you feel the Holy Spirit guiding you towards that you need to respond to? How & when will you do so; what’s your plan? Also consider, is there something/someone that you need to disconnect from to connect with Jesus?



Concluding Questions

Slowly read Galatians 5:22-23. Share initial thoughts, feelings, etc..



Prayer

Pray as Good Friday & Easter (Resurrection) Services are approaching throughout our community, including here at Revive Wesleyan, that the Lord will draw people to just *have to be in church* somewhere to connect with Christ in that way and to celebrate HIS resurrection!