



Fruitfulness

MAIN THING

What does God do in response to a Church that remains faithful?

SCRIPTURE

John 15:1-8, Galatians 5:22-24, Acts 2:47, Ephesians 4:14

ICEBREAKER

Has there been a time when you and God were aligned closely. What did your life look like? How was God blessing you? Your family? Your job? Was your attitude different? Was there fruit in your efforts?

OPENING THOUGHT

Based off of John 15:1-8, “fruitfulness” is this year’s theme. Fruitfulness is the sovereign action of God towards a church that He deems to be faithful to its calling and values. When a church consistently lives out its values, God blesses it with His Spirit, with growth, and with maturity. It is our job to remain in Him and in our mission. It is His job to bless and grow.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend’s message?
2. What does a fruitful life look like? A fruitful church? Why is it so important to be fruitful? Can a life without fruit really be following after Christ? Can a church?
3. Read John 15:1-8. What does this verse say about God’s part in the fruit that’s produced in our lives? What does it mean to “remain” in Christ? How hard is it for us to do something so that someone else gets the glory? Is it hard? Do we typically want recognition for what we do?

LIFE APPLICATION

After reading Galatians 5:22-23, take some inventory to see where you struggle the most with the fruit of the Spirit. Are you good at loving, but struggle with self-control? Are you patient, but you lack joy? The fruit of the Spirit is one of the best ways to see how we are doing in our relationship with Christ. When we are in alignment with Christ, these things should be the outpouring of who we are.

CHALLENGE

With 2019 finally here, how is your group going to be fruitful? What will your lives look like this year as you live out your faith? Will there be fruit from the dedication and love that you focus on God? Discuss as a group some goals for the next year for your group. How will you be a fruitful group that will shine as an example of Godly living and true community in 2019?