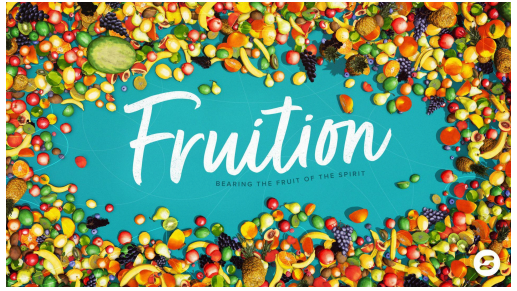


STUDY GUIDE

June 30

STAY IN THE LOOP

Announcements



- We're excited about the baptisms happening next Sunday, July 7th!

START WITH PRAYER

Use this Prayer Prompt

Thank God for how the fruit of His Spirit in us is displayed in our lives. Ask God to help us remain in Him, so that we may be a testimony of His goodness in our lives.

STUDY THE BIBLE

Think through and discuss your reactions as you read through Scripture:

John 15:1-8

Romans 15:26-28

Hebrews 13:15

Galatians 5:22

STIR UP DISCUSSION

How does this week's teaching affect me personally?

1. What does it mean practically for us to "remain" in Christ daily? How can we ensure our connection to Him remains strong?
2. In John 15:1-2, Jesus describes the Father as the gardener who prunes branches so they bear more fruit. What might spiritual "pruning" look like in our lives? How can we discern between

- God's pruning and other challenges or hardships we face?
3. Beyond the traditional "fruit of the Spirit" listed in Galatians 5:22-23 (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control), what are other types of fruit believers can bear according to Scripture?
 4. Which of the fruit do you need to grow? What steps can we take to cultivate these fruits consistently?
 5. How can regular study of God's Word and prayer help us remain connected to the vine, Jesus Christ? Share personal experiences or examples of how this has impacted your spiritual journey.

STEP INTO ACTION

Let's try to apply this by taking some Next Steps.

Ask yourself the following questions:

1. *When you know what is best for others, do you communicate it with compassion and love?*
2. *Do you love others with actions and truth?*
3. *Are you free from the habits of sinful actions, thoughts, and feelings?*
4. *Have you determined to obey the Holy Spirit every day and seek his guidance?*
5. *Do you love the truth?*
6. *Do you live out the truth?*
7. *Are you committed to being obedient when you understand what God wants you to do?*