

WAYS TO LIVE YOUR LIFE



Sermon Discussion Guide

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Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: We can only walk with God if we stay connected to Jesus.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. If you had to pick a song, movie, or book title to describe your life right now, what would you choose and why?
2. If the next five years of your life was a chapter, what would the chapter be about?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What does "DEFINING MOMENTS with Jesus will always lead to DEVINE MOVEMENT in his direction" mean?

Life Examination:

READ John 15:1-11

4. What does the imagery of the vine and the gardner represent?
5. What are the ways to determine if a person is connected to the vine?
6. What does it mean to be pruned by God (v.2)?
7. How do we balance working hard for God while also resting in Him? How does this challenge our natural way of living? (verse 5)
8. Jesus speaks about bearing fruit (v.8). What kind of fruit is He is referring to? How do we know if we are bearing fruit?
9. How is Jesus' joy different from worldly happiness? (verse 11)

READ Galatians 5:22-23

10. Why do you think Paul calls these virtues "fruit"?
11. How are these fruits similar and different?

Life Application:

12. What are some ways we can actively remain connected to Jesus in our busy lives?
13. What is the difference between "striving" and "Abiding" with Jesus? What are some warning signs that you are striving instead of abiding?
14. Which fruit of the Spirit are the most difficult to live out?
15. What step can you take today to move in God's direction by cultivating patience, kindness, or goodness?
16. How can this group help one another stay connected to Jesus and live out these truths?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask God to grow the fruit of the Spirit in each of your lives.