

Date: Tue. August 26, 2025

SCRIPTURES:

- Hosea 4:6
- John 15:4-5
- Galatians 5:22-23
- Romans 12:2
- Matthew 7:22-23
- Luke 8:15
- Ephesians 5:26
- John 8:12
- Psalm 27:1
- Colossians 1:27
- Galatians 2:20
- Psalm 119:9
- Isaiah 55:10-11
- Titus 3:5
- Job 1:21
- Hebrews 4:13

WORD BANK:

- Cultivate
- Exercise
- Produce
- Knowledge
- Fruit
- Word
- Water
- Vine
- Light
- Naked
- Heart
- Sanctify
- Abide

HOMEWORK

1. **Fruit Inventory:** Write down three situations this past week where you exercised a gift (speaking, helping, leading). Then honestly note: did you also demonstrate fruit (love, patience, gentleness) in those moments?
2. **Cultivation Journal:** Write a one-paragraph prayer inviting the Holy Spirit to reveal what area of fruit He wants to cultivate in you first.
3. **Chain Breaker Confession:** Write a personal declaration beginning with: "I will not perish for lack of knowledge. I will cultivate fruit, not just exercise gifts, because God is the Producer of my growth..." Add at least 3 personal "I will" statements that reflect how you will walk this out (example: "I will create time for the Word daily. I will choose love when frustrated. I will guard my soil from bitterness.").

CHAIN BREAKER PRAYER CHALLENGE

- "Lord, reveal where I have exercised gifts without cultivating fruit. Remove ignorance and increase hunger for Your Word. Teach me to prepare the soil of my life so that You can produce fruit that remains."
- Pray daily this week: "Lord, wash me in Your Word. Strip away anything false and help me to abide in You as the True Vine. Shine Your Light in every dark area of my heart, and sanctify me completely for Your glory."

LIFE APPLICATION CHALLENGE

1. Where in your life are you exercising ability without cultivating fruit (example: leadership without gentleness, service without joy)?
2. Action Step: Dedicate 30 minutes today to study one scripture on the fruit of the Spirit. Write how you can apply it practically in your relationships.
3. Choose one scripture from the bank above this week and write it out in a journal underneath, answer write,
 - What does this scripture reveal about my heart condition?
 - How can I apply this to my daily life (thoughts, speech, habits)?
 - What fruit should show up if I'm abiding in Christ?

GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Why is abiding in the Vine (John 15) different from just believing in Jesus?
2. What does it mean to be spiritually "naked" before God? Why is this uncomfortable, but also necessary?
3. How has lack of knowledge (ignorance of God's Word) affected your spiritual growth or past decisions?
4. What "soil conditions" in your life (heart issues, distractions, attitudes) need to be tilled so God can produce fruit?