



Week 5
Fruit

The Opening Question

If you could only eat fruit or only eat vegetables, which would you pick and why? Also, what is your favorite fruit and what is your favorite vegetable?

Watch the Video Clip

Key Teaching Points & Scripture

God's plan for you and I is that we BECOME...

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. (Ephesians 2:10, NLT)

SO...

Because of Christ, I am not now what I used to be. And I am not now what I will be.

RECAP

- Growth Phase 1: Death to Life // COME ALIVE
- Growth Phase 2: Infant to Child // EAT, DO THE BASICS, & LET THE RIGHT PEOPLE CARE FOR YOU
- Growth Phase 3: Child to Young Adult // OWN YOUR FAITH
- MILESTONES: Establish your spiritual zero milestone by declaring your faith through baptism.
- technically this is a prequel to growth phase 2

TODAY...

- Growth Phase 4: Young Adult to Parent // SHARE YOUR FAITH
- Growth Phase 5: Parent to Grandparent // HELP OTHERS SHARE THEIR FAITH

Ultimately, what we are talking about in these last two phase is the concept of FRUIT!

God has planned for you long ago to be the reason why someone else trusts in Jesus.

NEXT STEPS: Become godly. Become a Gospel seed-caster.

Scriptures

- EPHESIANS 4:14-32 (NLT)
- GALATIANS 5:22-25 (NLT) // But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.
- ROMANS 10:13-15 (NLT) // For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!"

Discussion Questions

What did you find helpful about today's teaching?

What did you find confusing or disagreeable about today's teaching?

If you are a Christ-follower, what is one of the biggest things that has changed about you since you began your journey with Jesus?

In what ways do you feel like you still need to work on becoming godly?

Bill said that God has uniquely built you to reach someone with the Gospel. Have you seen evidence of that in your journey? Who is someone God has used you to reach that He seemingly just put in your path?

Here's a rhetorical question to think about with no one answering: how often do you tell someone about Jesus? Is it once a week? Is it once a month? Is it once a year? Is it almost never?

What is the biggest barrier you struggle with when it comes to sharing your faith in Jesus with others?

Who is one person in your life right now that you are confident doesn't believe in Jesus that you believe God wants you to reach out to?

Pray

As you conclude this 5-week series in prayer, the answers to the questions above provide great things to pray for...

1. Pray for increased godliness in each person in the group.
2. Pray for God to give us courage to push through any barriers that prevent us from sharing our faith.
3. Pray for the ones that were named in that last question, that God would already work the soil of their heart in preparation for the seeds that those in the group are going to cast.