

# Gathering INSIGHTS

## Big Idea

When the church lives as a family, we are able to see the fruit of abiding lived out in real time.

## Bible Discussion

### Read John 15:1-8

When you read John 15, what type of Fruit comes to mind? Do you agree that doing churchy things can be a danger zone when looking at fruitfulness? Why or Why not?

### Read Matthew 7:16–20

Why do you think Jesus uses the term “recognize them by their fruit” twice? What does bad fruit look like?

### Read Galatians 5:22–24

Why do you think looking at the Fruit of the Spirit that isn’t tangible is more important than a list of things to do?

### Read 1 Timothy 3:14–15

Do you view church more as “household” or “institution”? Why?

## Capstone Lab

List out the characteristics of a family and then list out the characteristics of a church. How often does that overlap? What can you do to lean into the idea of Living as a Family at Capstone?

## Growing in Christ

How does your relationship with Christ and adoption into God’s family reflected in the way you connect with other believers?

How did Jesus model “living as a family” in his Earthly ministry?

## Living as a Family

Why do you think many churches in the US function more like an institution than a family?

What benefits have you seen in church functioning as a family?

## Sharing the Gospel

How do you think living as a family is attractive to those who are far from God?

How would our city be transformed if the churches in our community together acted like ONE family instead of competition?

Go! You are sent as missionaries where you work, learn, live and play.