



Title: FRUITFUL, VIBRANT AND FLOURISHING

Main Scripture: Mark 11:12-25

You can experience a real, fruitful, vibrant and flourishing life through Jesus.

**The Fig Tree :** outwardly fruitless, inwardly dead and withered at the roots

**The Temple:** outwardly fruitless, inwardly dead and withered at the roots  
(Mat 5:17)

**The Cross:** a new and living way so that anyone can be ... fruitful, vibrant and flourishing  
(Heb 10:19-22)

You can be outwardly fruitful by prayer, sacrifice and forgiveness towards other people.  
(Gal 5:22-23)

You can be inwardly vibrant with bold faith in God.  
(1 Cor 6:19)

You can be flourishing at the roots because you belong to your heavenly Father.  
(2 Cor 6:16)

## Prayer

Lord Jesus, I invite You to come closer right now. I invite You to check me out for fruit and vibrancy and flourishing. Show me any places that are blocking Your life in me.

I admit that \_\_\_\_\_. Please forgive me and help me.

Lord Jesus, I want to be fruitful, vibrant and flourishing at the roots for You. Father God, Let this be true of each of us and of this whole group of people who call Heartland home. Lord, we heed Your warning and Your invitation. We turn to You by faith.

Be our help today. Amen.

## Summer 2023

### The Small Group Sermon Study Mark Series



**Opening Prayer: *Father, in Jesus' name, through the Holy Spirit, come and speak to us, teach us and transform us as we read, discuss and reflect on Your word.***

*Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the points from the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:*

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message? What was new or surprising to you?
2. What do we learn from this passage and message about God (Father, Jesus, Holy Spirit)? What do we learn about who He is, how He feels, what actions He takes, etc.?
3. What does this passage tell us about responding to God? What does living by faith look like in this passage?
4. What don't you understand or what other questions does this passage/sermon make you ponder?
5. What challenges are being brought to light in this sermon/passage? Are there any obstacles to which you can relate?
6. What attitudes, emotions, behaviours, or ideas are being exposed? How do they line up with what we know about God's character and His word?

#### **Personal Reflection:**

***Silently re-read the key Scripture(s) from the message, asking the Holy Spirit to speak to you.***

- What do you need to surrender to Jesus? How will you respond to what God is showing you?
- What verse, phrase or word do you need to take with you this week? How will you act on what you've heard?

**Prayer: *Spend time praying for one another (that we would grow in our love for God and others, that we would be transformed by what God has revealed, that we would be alert and obedient to God, etc.).***