

Summer at Hope

WEEK 5- What Others Need

BIG IDEA:

It is extremely easy to slip into focusing on ourselves, to become selfish. In the face of the pattern of selfishness, we're taking a moment to begin thinking about others and asking ourselves what others need from us most so that we are empowered to love them better.

KEY VERSES:

Galatians 5:22-23, "But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

1. What impact could you have on the people in your life if you were producing good fruit?

Key Question #1: Have you struggled with selfishness in this season?

Key Question #2: Is there an area in my life where I am displaying fake fruit?

Key Question #3: Am I disguising past faithfulness as a present fruit?

Key Point #1: Others Need Me to Live a Fruitful Life

2. What does it mean to be fruitful?
3. How would your spouse's (kids', coworkers', friends', etc.) perspective shift if you exhibited these fruits (listed in Galatians 5:22-23) on a daily basis?

Key Point #2: Two common types of bad fruit: #1: Fake Fruit

4. Have you ever struggled with pretending, with faking it? What does it mean to you to have a fake faith?
5. Is there are particular area in your life where you are displaying fake fruit?

Key Point #3: Two common types of bad fruit: #2: Rotten Fruit

6. Is there an area of your life where your priorities are off?
7. In what way(s) are you living off of bad fruit? What affect is that having on the people around you?

MOVING FORWARD:

It's important that we produce good fruit so we can share it with our neighbors. When you choose to live into the freedom that God intended, others will see it and be impacted by it. We need to be led by the Holy Spirit and produce good fruit so we can bless the people around us. What step is the Holy Spirit prompting you to take this week in order to have the impact on the people around you that you want to have?