

SMALL GROUPS

Leader Conversation Guide – Bloom Where You Are Planted

Main Idea

In this encouraging message, Pastor Ron Gray reminds us that God doesn't always move us to a new place to bring change—sometimes He calls us to thrive right where we are. God has a purpose for your current season, even if it doesn't look like you expected. When you stay rooted in Him, you can bloom in the middle of hardship, uncertainty, or waiting. The place you want to leave might be the very place God wants to use to grow you, shape you, and bless others through you. Your environment doesn't determine your fruitfulness—your connection to God does.

Make It Practical

- **Stay Rooted in Faith.** Don't let a difficult season uproot you from God's presence. Stay planted in His Word, His church, and His promises.
- **Perspective Over Preference.** You may not like where you are, but God may be using it to shape something in you that can't grow anywhere else.
- **Grow Where You're Planted.** God often blesses obedience before relocation. Don't wait to bear fruit—start now.
- **Your Position Has Purpose.** You are not randomly placed. You're strategically positioned to reflect God's glory right where you are.

Key Scripture

"But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit."
—Jeremiah 17:7-8 NIV

Talk About It

1. What area of your life do you feel tempted to leave or give up on?
2. How does today's message challenge you to view that situation differently?
3. What does "blooming" look like for you in your current season? What fruit can you bear right now?
4. What is one thing you can do this week to stay spiritually rooted?
5. Who around you could be impacted if you chose to stay and bloom?

Prayer

Father, thank You for planting us with purpose. Help us not to rush out of seasons You've called us to stay in. Give us eyes to see the opportunity in the ordinary, and faith to grow even in the hard places. Strengthen our roots in You. May we be fruitful no matter the season, and may our lives reflect Your glory. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Leader Tips

Remind your group that fruitfulness doesn't always mean big changes—it often starts with small, obedient steps. Encourage those who feel stuck or discouraged by helping them see the potential of their current season. Let testimonies of "blooming in hard places" inspire hope and faith. Be ready to speak life into dry ground!