



## Life Group Discussion Questions

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1. "Fruit is an Expectation of all believers" – what can we do individually to make sure that we are bearing fruit "in keeping with repentance" (Luke 3:38)? Have you identified areas of your life where you can stand some improvement in the quality of your fruitfulness?
2. How can we biblically help others in our group cultivate the fruit in their lives? How do we approach one another in this effort?
3. Rob said, "you are only as Mature as your most Immature fruit" – is that an "ouch" or an "amen" for you? How do we identify that immature fruit in our own lives? What areas of the fruit in your life can we pray for corporately in our group? What scripture could you memorize and meditate on that might help guide you in your daily walk in this deficient area?
4. Fruit is not solely a function of the branch, but its vitality traces all the way back to the roots. What practical applications do we find in scripture to make sure that we are deeply rooted in God and His Word? Is there something in your daily walk that has helped you be more dependent on God that you are willing to share with the group? Is there a good book you have read that you can recommend to others to help in their spiritual growth?

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5. Anyone that does any type of gardening knows that getting good results requires effort and discipline: weeding, fertilizing, pruning, watering, and protecting from bugs and animals. What aspects of this agricultural analogy can we translate into everyday disciplines to make sure the garden of our heart is healthy and vibrant?
6. How can we check our motives in our desire to be “fruitful” to make sure we are doing the right things for the right reasons? Do you have any examples of doing wrong for the wrong reason? How about doing right for the wrong reason? (These do not have to be personal, but maybe something you have observed in others in the general public spotlight).
7. Just like an unripe fruit can be hard and sour, or even bitter, can an immature fruit of the Spirit seem different? Maybe when you tried to be kind and patient, it came across as aloof and condescending? Is your patience as a grandparent different than your patience as a 21-year-old?
8. Considering the three categories of the fruits of the Spirit, (Godward dependence, outward devotion, and inward discipline) which is the easiest for you, and which is the hardest?
9. It seems as if our culture has jumbled up these categories and instead of Spiritual fruit have ended up with Godward rejection, outward dependence, and inward disorder.
10. Look through God’s word and assess some of the characters with the fruits of the Spirit in mind. For example; was Moses patient? Was David joyful, was Daniel faithful? What

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about in the book of Judges? What about Israel; did Self-control and peace stay with them as a people?

11. Doing the right thing for the wrong reason can happen quite often. How do you use that for growth in your life?
12. What is the importance of discipleship in producing fruit of the Spirit in a “good good” manner? How would you address a friend who is stuck in the “good bad” fruit?