

# Life Group Discussion Guide

A life group is a formational community that gathers regularly to care, learn, and pray together. These questions may form the basis of your conversation and are designed to help participants listen and respond to God through personal and scriptural reflection, as well as stirring an imagination for how to practice the way of Jesus.

Groups are encouraged before beginning to have a moment of prayerful stillness, collecting your scattered attention to God, and then if helpful to connect with one another through a conversation starter question.

## Questions

1. What verse or passage in the Bible has had the biggest impact on you? Why?
2. Read John 15:1. What is Jesus claiming here? How do the following verses enlighten this claim: Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 2:21; Hosea 1:1-2.
3. Read John 15:8. What feelings arise when you hear that as disciples, our primary purpose is to bear fruit for the glory of God?
4. When you hear the phrase "*bearing fruit*" in the Christian life, what words or images come to mind?
5. Have you ever tried really hard to grow spiritually or "do better" in your faith—and still felt stuck or frustrated? What was that experience like?
6. Read John 15:2-5. What are the three ways Jesus works to bear fruit in our lives? Which one did you sense needs to be the focus of your life right now?
7. What are some subtle ways sin can keep us from flourishing spiritually—not just outwardly, but inwardly? How have you experienced God getting your attention about a sin in the past? How do you typically respond?
8. How is *pruning* different from *cutting off*? Why is this distinction important? What are some "good" things in life that can still block greater fruitfulness? Is there anything in your life that needs to be pruned right now?
9. What does it mean to abide in Jesus? What does that practically look like in your daily life?
10. If our "only work" is to stay connected to Jesus, what is one intentional change you could make this week to deepen that connection?