

TABLE 3

The Upper Room

John 15

I Am the True Vine

Icebreaker: Are you a plant mom or gardener? Do you have a green thumb?

Have you ever thought about the fall being essential or about what you wouldn't know about God without it? How does knowing this encourage you?

In what ways does it help you know the Bible was written for the ordinary and untrained? Meaning, we don't need to be a Bible scholar to understand and grow.

How are you experiencing your priorities being changed as you prioritize relationship over religion? Share some examples around the table.

Did you know: Hypocrisy occurs when we just cut off actions?

The secret to fruit bearing is abiding in the True Vine.

Matthew 7:15 "Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. 16 By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? 17 Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

Discuss the importance of fruit observation in new Christians.

How do you think the Church might be creating false converts?

What can we as the Church do to help make improvements through discipleship?

Mark 4:1-20

God knows what we need to grow. Even the rocky soil and thorns are there to help us grow.

Genesis 3:18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field.

What if when we feel withered we began to trace that feeling to see if it's indicating that we need some living water? Or maybe we need to abide with Jesus.