

Bible Study Lesson: “Rooted in Truth, Bearing Fruit”

Text: Luke 6:40–46 (NIV)

Bible Study Oct 9th 2025

Theme: True discipleship is revealed by spiritual fruit, not just religious words.

 Welcome & Opening Prayer

Prayer Focus:

Ask God to open hearts to His truth and help each person grow in spiritual maturity and fruitfulness.

Warm-Up Question:

“Have you ever followed someone’s example—only to realize later they weren’t who they seemed?”

 Scripture Reading

Read Luke 6:40–46 (NIV) aloud.

Luke 6:40-46 - New International Version

⁴⁰ *The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.*

⁴¹ *“Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.*

A Tree and Its Fruit

⁴³ *“No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.*

The Wise and Foolish Builders

⁴⁶ *“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?*

Teaching & Discussion

1. Verse 40: The Goal of Discipleship

- “The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher.”
- Jesus sets the standard: spiritual maturity means becoming like Him.
- Discussion Prompt:

“What does it mean to be ‘fully trained’ in our walk with Christ?”

2. Verses 41–42: The Plank and the Speck

- A vivid image of hypocrisy and self-righteousness.
- Jesus warns against judging others while ignoring our own faults.
- Discussion Prompt:

“Why is it easier to see others’ flaws than our own? How can we practice humility?”

3. Verses 43–45: Trees and Fruit

- Good trees bear good fruit; bad trees bear bad fruit.
- Our words and actions reveal the condition of our hearts.
- Key Insight:

Fruit is not just behavior—it’s the overflow of character.

- Discussion Prompt:

“What kind of fruit do you think Jesus is talking about here? How do we cultivate it?”

4. Verse 46: Lip Service vs. Lordship

- “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say?”
- Jesus confronts empty religion and calls for obedience.
- Discussion Prompt:

“What’s the difference between calling Jesus ‘Lord’ and living like He is?”

Application & Reflection

Personal Reflection:

- What kind of fruit is growing in your life right now?
- Is there a “plank” you need to address before helping others?

Group Challenge:

- Choose one area this week to intentionally obey Jesus—not just talk about Him.

Closing Prayer

Pray for hearts that are humble, obedient, and fruitful. Ask God to help each person become more like Christ in word and deed.