

Sunday, January 27, 2019 - "Rooted - Week 3 - Bearing Fruit" - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Jeremiah 17:7-8, Mark 4:1-20, Galatians 5:22-23

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- There is a symbiotic relationship between being blessed and trusting God (You can trust Him)
- What is "fruit"?
- Mark 4
 - Jesus tells a story and this time explains what it means
 - It's a passage about our hearts
 - "The condition of our hearts determines the fruit in our lives" - Doug Kempton
- Fruit = the word of God lived out in our lives
- God is speaking all the time
 - Are you listening?
 - He speaks through...the Bible, nature, circumstances
 - When God speaks its a seed BUT not all seeds bear fruit
- The soil of our hearts
 - (The path) Some of us have been hurt → bitterness, anger, self protection (hard heart)
 - (Rocky soil) Unhealthy attachments (anything we cling to other than God...the rocks have to be removed)
 - There will be trial when God gives us a word (spiritual warfare)
 - (Thorns) Crowded soil...too busy, cares of the world crowd out what God has said
 - (Good Soil) Everything has been dealt with
- Types of fruit
 - Fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
 - Joy as opposed to gloom, peace as opposed to turmoil, kindness as opposed to being rude, goodness as opposed to willful sin, gentleness as opposed to short tempered/overbearing, self controlled as opposed to impulsive
 - Sometimes it's about your demeanor or character
 - Other times it is about actions lived out
 - Bearing fruit is about doing the very thing God has called you to do
- Hearing from God and then responding to his word in our lives = bearing fruit

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. Give an example of a time or times in your life that you have born fruit
2. What is the state of the soil of your heart right now? Which soil from Jesus' parable do you relate to the most right now and why?
3. When was a time that trial came when God spoke a word to you? What did the Lord teach you in this time?
4. What are the things that you are tempted to cling to or lean instead of God?
5. Which of the fruit of the spirit is the greatest challenge for you right now? Why is that? How is God leading you to grow?
6. What is a word that God is calling you to live out in your life right now?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: Galatians 2 Tues: Galatians 3 Wed: Galatians 4 Thurs: Galatians 5 Fri: Galatians 6

Songs from the weekend: [Glorious - B.J. Putnam] - [Made A Way - Travis Greene] - [Do It Agin - Elevation Worship] - [You Know My Name - Tasha Cobbs] - [There's No Other Name - Bethel Music] - [New Wine - Hillsong Worship]