

Abide Leaders Guide

Week 2: The Making of a Fruitful Life

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1. Follow up

Ask your group if they engaged with the Word differently last week and how it went.

2. Normalize pruning

Help your group understand that pruning is not punishment—it's preparation. God trims what He intends to grow. It may be helpful to share an example of something the Lord has pruned in your own life and the fruit that came from it.

3. Foster safe vulnerability

People often resist talking about pruning because it feels exposing. Model honesty and create a judgment-free environment. Say “Thank you for sharing,” if someone opens up. Make sure the conversation doesn't turn into a “problem fixing” workshop when someone does share a struggle.

4. Encourage small steps of fruitfulness

Challenge each person to take one practical step this week—an act of obedience that aligns with the fruit God wants to grow in them.