

WEEK 3: ONLY GOD CAN JUDGE ME



Group Time

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page for 64 for directions)

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LOOK BACK:

Point: *Happiness doesn't come by pursuing our dreams – it comes by pursuing God's.*

- What dream is God calling you to? Can our group help?

Question: Ever heard the saying, "The apple doesn't fall far from the tree?" Was it used positively or negatively?

LOOK UP: Watch this week's video on the 4G web page.

Recap: In Genesis chapter one, we learn one of nature's truths: things beget their kind. As Jesus teaches His disciples in the upper room, the same is true in the spiritual world. Jesus tells us that if we remain in Him, we will bear His fruit.

But how do we know we are "in" Him? He tells us we will know by looking at our fruit, and Paul gets pretty specific about what that looks like in Galatians chapter five.

So, what can we do to bear good or better fruit? Start pruning yourself of anything leading to bad fruit. Repent of bad habits and bad choices that move us away from Jesus. Start living the way God intended us to live. Make new choices and start new habits that move us closer to Jesus.

LOOK IN: Discussion

Read Galatians 5:19-21. Make a list of these "works of the flesh." Then go around the group and share instances you've seen of any of these in the last 24 hours, in person or on any type of media.

Read Galatians 5:22-23. Make a list of the "fruit of the Spirit." Then go around the group and share instances you've seen of any of these in the last 24 hours, in person or on any type of media.

Where should we be spending our time?

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: *Stop filling your life with fruit killers and start bearing good fruit.*

Your Fruit Reflects Your Heart

Read John 15:1-8

Verse 1: What does Jesus mean when He says, "I am the true vine?"

Verse 2: How might God prune us? What is the purpose of pruning?

Verse 3: How has Jesus made you clean?

Verse 4: How do we remain in Jesus.

Verse 5: Write this verse in your own words.

Verse 6: Do you think Jesus is speaking figuratively or literally? Why?

Verse 7: If we remain in Jesus, what will we ask for?

Verse 8: Based upon this verse, how would you define a disciple?
