



SESSION 4: Fruit That Lasts

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flourish: To be fully functioning and thriving in that particular place where you have the greatest _____ for Christ on this planet.

❖ **If we're going to have a life that flourishes beyond our wildest dreams, we're going to have to:**

- 1) Pay attention to God's Word,
- 2) Obey God's Word and do small things well.
- 3) Sow God's word into your life by an act of faith.
- 4) _____ GOD'S WORD into the life of others: bearing _____ that _____.

1. THE TRUE SPIRITUAL _____ OF YOUR LIFE IS DIRECTLY LINKED TO THE WORD OF CHRIST SOWN INTO YOUR LIFE.

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you and I have appointed and placed and purposefully _____ you, so that you would go and _____ and _____ on bearing, and that your fruit will remain and be . _____, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name [as My representative, as presenting all that I AM] He may give to you."
John 15:16 (AMP)

2. WHAT KIND OF FRUIT IS LASTING FRUIT? _____

Two things will last forever:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____

3. WHY ARE YOU HERE? *How did you get to be a follower of Jesus Christ?*

- WHO impacted your life for Christ?
- WHAT did they do?
- HOW did they do it?
- WHY did they do it?

4. BEGIN WITH THE END IN MIND: After your life on this planet is over, what would you hope people would say about you? _____

THE GATHERING OF WOMEN

GATHER »»»→ TEACH »»»→ EQUIP »»»→ FLOURISH »»»→

LIFE – ON – LIFE: Gathering Together

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42, 46-47

What's a Gathering of Women?

Simply put- it's women gathering together *intentionally*; gathering together for community and conversation around the person of Jesus Christ and His Word; sharing life, sharing your hearts, stirring up one another to love and good works, praying for one another to grow to love Jesus more and more. You don't have to be a "teacher"- you just have to be committed to Jesus and His Truth. Pray for your time together. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you, and let Him. Be intentional. Be yourself. Be available. Be open. Be willing to risk. Be ok with not having all the answers. Be committed to this as a lifestyle. Have fun!

Our hope is that the Gathering of Women large group gatherings will result in many other ***gatherings of women*** in groups of 2 or 4... sharing life together and having important conversations about faith... spiritual discussions with women you run into every day in your everyday life: friends and acquaintances, co-workers, colleagues, soccer moms and homeschoolers, believers and seekers, hammering out practical life applications... the "how to" about how the Bible really works in your everyday life and the big difference Jesus has made in you- for real. *That's LIFE-ON-LIFE... intentional, Gospel-centered discipleship!*

Never underestimate the power of a personal invitation, a table, a cup of coffee...and Jesus!

LIFE-ON-LIFE TOOLS- to help you grow and flourish in your faith and help other gals to do the same:

❖ **READ THE SCRIPTURES: John 15:1-17**

- **Observation:** What does the passage say? What's going on? Be observant, thoughtful, like a detective. What do you see? What is actually being stated in the text? Give 3 or 4 observations.
 - **Interpretation:** What does the passage mean? What is the main theme?
 - **Application:** What am I going to do about what the passage says and means?
 - What does this verse tell you about God? How will you respond?
 - What does this verse say to you about you? How will you respond?
- Other application questions:**
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| ○ Is there an example for me to follow? | ○ Is there a condition to meet? |
| ○ Is there a sin to avoid? | ○ Is there a verse to memorize? |
| ○ Is there a promise to claim? | ○ Is there an error to mark? |
| ○ Is there a prayer to repeat? | ○ Is there a challenge to face? |
| ○ Is there a command to obey? | |
- **Response:** Where do you need this verse in your life? How and when will you apply this to your life? Who will you tell to hold you accountable?

❖ **HAVE THE CONVERSATION: Bearing Fruit That Lasts-** Discuss the message and the impact it had on you.

- Did you read your Bible this past week to learn more about Jesus Christ? What did you read? Share what you learned with one another.
- Have you thought about someone who needs to come to Christ? Have you prayed for him or her? Pray for them right now.
- Have you thought about how you could make a difference in someone's life because of Christ? When will you reach out to them?
- Meet with someone this week to encourage her in her relationship with Jesus and help her grow in her faith? Who will it be? When will you meet with her?

❖ **#SHOWHERHOW**

- Invite a younger woman to come to your house to do some gardening or to prepare a meal. Show her how it's done, but use this time together to also intentionally encourage and invest in her life of faith.

❖ **CHALLENGE: Eliminate to concentrate. Disconnect to reconnect.**

- **Please let us know if you took the challenge to disconnect from social media and devotionals for 21 days in order to hear God better, and what you noticed or experienced in your life?**