

Ice Breaker (in groups of 2 or 3 for larger groups)

What is one life-giving thing that you did this past week?

Talk About it!

Part 1

John 15:1–2 NLT

“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. 2 He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.

Discuss:

- A. What is the fruit that God wants us to produce in our lives?
- B. Why is “pruning” or “cutting” so important if we want to produce fruit?

Part 2

Hebrews 12:5–6 NLT

“And have you forgotten the encouraging words God spoke to you as his children? He said, “My child, don’t make light of the Lord’s discipline, and don’t give up when he corrects you.
6 For the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes each one he accepts as his child.”

Discuss:

- A. According to scripture, why does God discipline us?
- B. How does this help us to surrender to his discipline?

Part 3

In Sunday’s message, we talked about 5 things that the Lord “comes after” to bring correction to.

- Our desires,
- Our affections (what we love)
- Our thinking
- Our relationships
- Our story (our past & our experiences)

Discuss:

- A. Why are these things important to the Lord?
- B. In your own life, how have you seen the Lord bring correction and healing to these areas?

Part 4

Titus 2:11-13 NLT

11 For the grace of God has been revealed, bringing salvation to all people. 12 And we are instructed to turn from godless living and sinful pleasures. We should live in this evil world with wisdom, righteousness, and devotion to God, 13 while we look forward with hope to that wonderful day when the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, will be revealed.

Discuss:

- A. Why is the Grace of God so important for discipline?
- B. How can God's grace change the way we accept God's correction?

Part 5

2 Timothy 3:16–17 NLT

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 17 God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.

Discuss:

- A. Why do we need the word of God to look more like Jesus?
- B. How does the word of God bring correction into our lives?

Part 6

Proverbs 27:6 NLT

Wounds from a sincere friend
are better than many kisses from an enemy.

Discuss:

- A. How can living in offense keep us from growing?
- B. How do you deal with feedback from others in your own life?