

Digging Deeper

Connection Card “Next Steps”

Mark them here so you don’t forget them!

- [] Memorize John 15:8.
- [] Read through the section on Baptism in Luther’s Small Catechism.
- [] Evaluate where you are strongest on the discipleship cycle (Worship, Study, Serve) and where you have room for growth. Pray for God’s help in growing!

Read Galatians 5:22-23.

For each fruit of the Spirit listed there, think about how evident that fruit has been in your life lately. Seek out ways to be more productive in that particular area. Pray for God’s help.

- Love –
- Joy –
- Peace –
- Forbearance –
- Kindness –
- Goodness –
- Faithfulness –
- Gentleness –
- Self-control –

Closing Prayer

Close with prayer for the spiritual needs of your family, your spiritual family, and people everywhere.



Connection Group Homework

For the week of April 29 – May 5

John 15:1-8

Easter Grafts Me into Christ Who Says:
Remain in Me!

Opening Prayer

Getting to Know Me

Share a story about a time you helped plant, prune, or harvest something.

Into the Bible

Read John 15:1-4

In verse 4, Jesus tells, “Remain in Me.” What truths does that encouragement communicate to us?

What does verse 3 have to tell us about how we came to be “in Christ”?

Compare and contrast the two kinds of cutting we read about our heavenly Gardener doing in verse 2.

What is the significance of the word “true” in verse 1?

Read John 15:5-8

According to verses 5 and 8 what is one purpose of God’s for planting you and pruning you on the vine of Christ?

What other purpose are we reminded of as we read through verse 6?

In your own words, what does verse 7 mean?

Connecting

How does it make you feel to know that you have a God who is tending you as a gardener tends a vine?

What tools does God use to plant and prune the branches on His vine? How have you seen that taking shape in your own life?

If our power to be “fruitful branches” comes to us from the vine, what impact does that have on the way we live our lives?

Given our conversation earlier about John 15:7, what sort of practices can I introduce to my life to help enrich my prayer life?