

Living Hope: Deeply Rooted

Reflect

1. What is your experience growing things?
2. What are the areas in your life you intentionally pursue growth?
3. What has been the most helpful in your faith growth?

Read Your Bible

- Psalm 1
- John 15:5-8

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What are the things that keep us from finding a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ?
2. How deeply rooted in your faith do you feel you are?
3. The "law of the lord" in Psalm 1 is the Word of God. How do you meditate on scripture? How is reading the Bible different than reading other books?
4. If Jesus is the true vine, how do we remain in Him?
5. How do we grow as Christians?
6. What do you need to pursue to deepen your relationship with God?
7. What does daily reflection and meditation of scripture look like in your life? Can you talk about a time God's Word spoke to you in your life?
8. How can we help each other grow in our faith?

Conclusion

There is no status quo when it comes to our faith. Every day we are either drawing closer to Jesus or taking a step back. The fruit we are created to bear in this world is not possible without being connected to the True Vine! Take some time this week to examine your daily habits of faith. At the end of each day, mentally review your day and ask did that thought, that action, that decision, that interaction draw me closer to God or farther away? Lasting, deeply rooted faith will bring great peace, joy and love in our lives. When we are deeply rooted in Christ, we can weather any storm or drought this world will send our way! Psalm 1 reminds us that we don't just read God's Word, we meditate on it. This means that we chew on it, reflect on it, pray on it, think it through and apply it to our lives.

Pray

God of Grace and Glory, we praise You today because You are good and Your love is never failing. Plant us Lord beside a stream of living water. Keep us firmly anchored to the vine! Prune off all in our lives that keeps us from seeking You and bearing fruit. Keep us steadfast in Your word and focused on Your love. Thank You, that in a world that is always changing, Your love for us is unchanging. In Jesus' Name. Amen.