



“Intentional Planting”

Spring Circle Groups | Week 6

OPEN IN PRAYER & ICEBREAKER

MESSAGE SUMMARY

Do you know your life is a seed? Before you were ever created, God planted a garden which is your life to live. God spoke purpose and He has a great plan for your life. When you read in the book of Genesis, God planted a garden and named it Eden before He ever placed Adam there to live in it. God has intentionally planted our gardens and we must plant our seeds in the proper climate to flourish spiritually, emotionally, physically, mentally, and relationally.

Key Scriptures:

- Genesis 2:8
- Psalm 92:13
- Jeremiah 29:11

Point # 1 – Do not Be Afraid to Step into What God Has Planted Just for You.

God has already gone ahead of us and not only planted us but prepared the way for us as well. We must move in faith and go where God has called us, then remain faithful where we are planted. Not only has God gone ahead of us, but He also promised to never leave nor forsake us. He will fight for us on our behalf.

- **Read Deuteronomy 1:30; Isaiah 52:12; Deuteronomy 31:6;**
- **Question: Is there a specific area of your life that God is calling you step out on faith in? Perhaps it is a career change, restoring a relationship, or a financial matter. According to these scriptures, what lengths will God go to to ensure you arrive at the place He has prepared for you specifically? How does this encourage you?**

Point #2 – Challenge Yourself to Go Deeper.

Faithfulness roots us in the place that God has planted us. When life happens and we don't have sufficient roots to hold us up, it is easy to get discouraged. Therefore, it is important to be intentional about growing roots. As people of faith, let's challenge ourselves to move beyond shallow faith and learn to go deeper in our walk with The Lord.

- **Philippians 4:6-8; Galatians 6:9; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 92:11-15**
- **Question: What do these scriptures say about the power of staying planted and how do they challenge you? What are some ways you can choose to**



go deeper and grow your roots where you are planted, instead of growing weary and choosing to give up?

Point #3 – Spiritual Pruning Enhances Spiritual Growth.

The fruit of a Christian life comes from a relationship with The Lord. To know where God has planted us, we must stay connected to Jesus, the Vine. A branch separated from its Vine will fail to bear fruit on its own, and will eventually die. We must allow ourselves to be pruned by God so that we can bear the fruit He wants us to have for our lives. To have the garden God planted for us, we must be willing to embrace the pruning process.

- **Read John 15:1-10; Ephesians 2:10**
- **Question: Have you ever been through a season where it felt like God was cutting off people, material things, and other resources to draw you closer to Him? What did that season of pruning feel like?**
- **How has this situation caused you to grow and develop spiritual fruit? Where do you find yourself today? Have you been called to step into a new Garden, to take root where you currently are, or are you being pruned? How has this discussion challenged you to stay planted despite your current situation?**

CONCLUSION

As Disciples of Christ, we must challenge ourselves to pray, study the Word of God, build community with other believers, and be intentional about planting ourselves where God has called us. Pruning is not always comfortable, but it is certainly necessary for our spiritual maturity. When we choose to express gratitude for the challenges we face instead of running from them, we begin to depend on Christ as our source, rather than ideal circumstances. This spiritual development causes the Garden of our lives to look more like Eden (God's original intent). As we purpose to seek Christ first in all areas, He will direct our paths (Matthew 6:33), causing the seeds of our lives to flourish in the divine climate they were created for.

Challenge: Let's be intentional about planting ourselves spiritually today, and for the rest of our lives. When we plant our seed in the right climate, choose to stand the rain, grow deep roots, and endure the season of pruning, we will have the life God predestined for us to have from the foundations of the earth. A beautiful Garden made just for you to enjoy and thrive in.

- **Additional Challenge:** Wherever God has called you and planted you, grow there, sow your seed there, and be Faithful there. Remember Faith without



works is dead, and God gives seed to the sower (James 2:14; 2 Corinthians 9:10) Know where you are planted and purpose to grow there!

Announcements:

- **Resurrection at Relentless** - This week is Holy Week. As we prepare our hearts for Holy Week, let's remember to pray for those who don't know Christ. If you have a person on your heart that needs to know Christ, take a step of faith and invite them to Church! [Don't forget to register and let us know you are coming!](#)
- **Kingdom Kids** – We are excited to have Kingdom Kids back in the building. Due to social distancing, classroom space is limited. [Be sure to RSVP weekly to reserve a space for your Kingdom Kid!](#)
- **No groups next week** – Circle groups are off next week due to Pursuit Night. We can't wait to see you the week of April 11th for our Meet & Greet and Week #7 of groups! More details coming soon!

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