

GROWTH GROUP DISCUSSION

CONNECT

Do you enjoy working in a garden or doing lawn care? Why or why not? Share a story!

LEARN & APPLY

Read **John 15:1-8; Mark 4:1-20; Ephesians 3:14-19.**

Jesus, and his contemporaries, lived in an agrarian society so many of the stories in the Bible contain agricultural metaphors (vines, seeds, roots). What do you think these metaphors represent in each of these passages? How are they similar or different from one another?

Can you think of any other Bible stories that use this kind of imagery? Which ones?

When it comes to growing as a disciple of Jesus, how do these passages challenge you? How do they give you hope?

In what ways have prayer, Bible study, and community helped you become "rooted and established?" Where is there room for further growth in these disciplines?

It's easy to become discouraged or prideful when we talk about prayer, study, and community. How can we support one another without creating an atmosphere of pride or shame?

PRAY

We are all on a journey with Jesus! Take time to pray for encouragement for each member of the group.