

TLC Home Group Expectations

- **Please start and end on time.** If you'd like to provide an atmosphere of fellowship, it's better that you provide this at the end to allow people who have to leave the opportunity to do so.
 - **Allow silence.** Allow room for others to contemplate and even feel uncomfortable when asking someone to read, within group prayer, or when throwing out a question. Please don't rush in just to fill the space. Allow God to do what only He can.
 - **When sharing, make it about you and what God is revealing about you and or Him.** Please allow room for others to share (don't dominate).
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ROOTS AND THEIR FRUITS

Matthew 21:18-46

Roots: What we believe (rightly and wrongly)

In Matthew 21:20 the disciples' faith is described as them being "**amazed**" at Jesus.

- Is your time spent with Jesus more duty-driven or amazement-driven?
- Where, how, or when do you see Jesus' amazing-ness the clearest?

In Mark 9:24, a man's son is healed, and the man then says this to Jesus, "I do believe; **help me overcome my unbelief!**" ...We should think about our faith like a car's gas-gauge (with places between full and empty), not an on-off switch (with only 2 options: having faith or not having faith)...

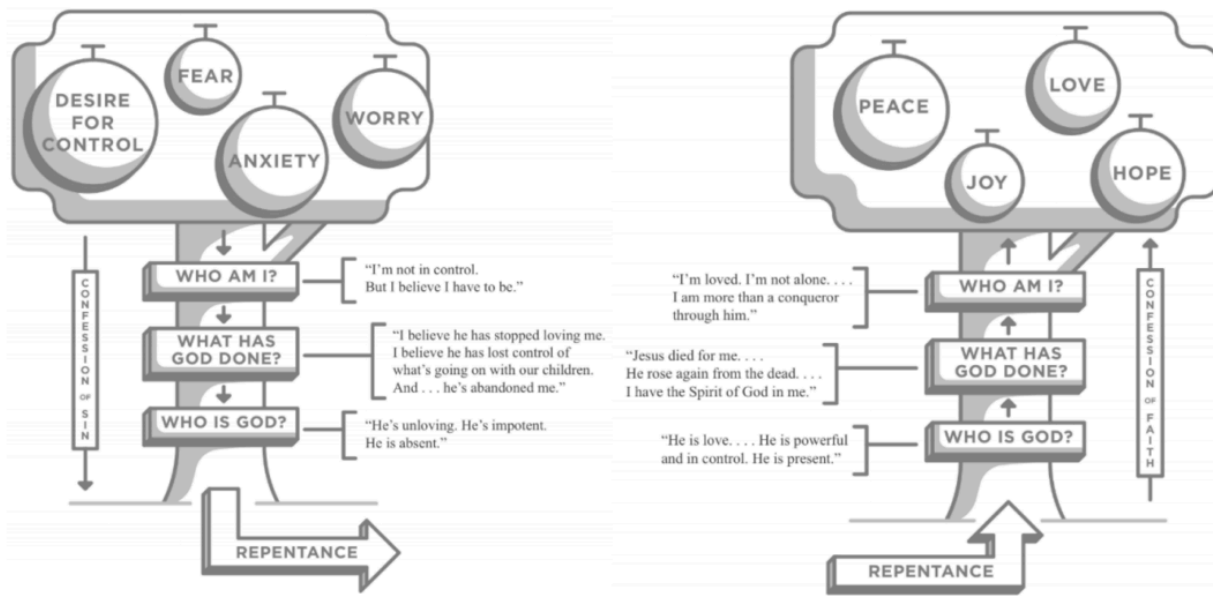
- How much faith do you have right now?
- How have you seen your faith grow throughout your walk?

In John 15:5, Jesus says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

- What does abiding in Jesus practically look like in your life?

Fruit: What we naturally produce based on our roots

The below image (working from the top left downwards and then to the right and up) shows an approach for us to take in order to go from bad fruit to good fruit:



- What are your thoughts on this? Is this how you think about roots and fruit?
- Talk about a bad root/belief you struggle with: something you sometimes *wrongly* believe, even though you know the Bible says otherwise.
 - What fruits do they lead to?
 - What beliefs do you need to strengthen in order to replace/remedy the bad roots?
- Talk about good fruits you have seen within your Home Group.
- What would you like to bring before God in prayer?