TLC Home Group Guide ***Week of 11/29/26***

TLC 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).

Jesus … I Am The True Vine

1 John 4:13-16

13 This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in them and they in God. 16 And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.

When you were a child, what did your parents tell you that was a complete lie?

As we live in an age where the volume and speed of data outpaces human processing capabilities, how do you determine fact from fiction?

In John 15:5 Jesus said "apart from me you can do nothing"

- What are you trying to do in your own strength that's draining or frustrating you? Talk about ways you're trying to walk with God and live out the calling of your life in your own strength.

- Jesus talks about fruit that should be being produced in us through the power of the Holy Spirit. Galatians 5:22-26 identifies the fruit the Holy Spirit produces. Which fruit is the Holy Spirit trying to produce in you currently? The road of fruit production is a progressive one, so talk about the progressive road of the Holy Spirit's work in fruit production in your life.

John 15:2 indicates that cutting and pruning is an active work of God in our lives. Cutting involves removing fruitless branches and pruning and cleansing fruitful branches. Pruning is not a punishment; it is an act of care and purification. God uses His Word, the Spirit, and sometimes difficult life experiences, shifts in relationships, or the removal of certain comforts/habits to redirect your focus. While an act of care, this road can be painful.

- Can you identify where and what God is trying to prune in your life? Why is it challenging?

An incredible emphasis is on the importance of "remaining" and "abiding" within our road with communion and fruit producing. The Greek word means "to dwell, remain, stay and be present." How do you dwell, remain present in and with God? What hinders, distracts, or even takes priority over dwelling in and with God?

What has God revealed to you within this discussion that you'd like to bring before him?

"GO" OPPORTUNITIES

Please connect with your Home Group's Representative for more information about these and other GO opportunities:

- **Tabernacle U.M. Church** - Help hand out "Basic Blessings" bags of basic necessities and hygiene items to those in need (they do this the 3rd Saturday of every month 10-11am);
- **Cape Community Church** – Join them for 'prayer walks' or assist them serving the homeless in their warming center during "code blue" situations.
- **Angelus Chorus Christmas Concert at TLC on Wednesday, December 9th, at 7:00pm.** Several members of the TLC congregation perform with the Angelus Chorus which is a volunteer non-profit community chorus whose purpose is to enrich, educate, and entertain the communities of Cape May County.