

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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Colossians 1:3-6 3 We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, 4 because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— 5 the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel 6 that has come to you. **In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace.**

Talk about the first time you **heard** the gospel.

- Who are the people God used to share the gospel in your early days?
- How have you or do you thank them?

In John 15, Jesus continues his communication on the coming of the Holy Spirit and His role in our lives. Much of this passage reflects Jesus being the true vine, the relationship between the vine and the branches, and the producing of **fruit** through abiding. Galatians 5:22-26 lists the Holy Spirit-produced **fruit**.

- Talk about **fruit** that you've witnessed being produced in you.
- Talk about **fruit** that someone else has witnessed being produced in you. Give specific examples.
- Talk about **fruit** that still needs significant growth.

Colossians 1:9 – Paul’s praying for God to fill them with the **knowledge of His will**. The Greek word is defined as recognition, first-hand experiential knowing, and first-hand contact knowledge. Talk about your contact with God’s Word.

- Hebrews 4:12 – For the word of God is living and active. How has God’s Word proven to be living and active in your life? What specifically has changed in you due to your first-hand contact experience with God’s Word?
- How is your understanding of God’s will growing?

Acts 6 communicates that as God’s Word spread, the number of **disciples were increasing rapidly**. Matthew 28:16-20 communicates that we are called to go and make disciples.

- What is your experience with being discipled and discipling others? It doesn’t matter where you’re at in your relationship with God, we’re called to intentional one-on-one relationships in which we can walk together and we walk with God.

In relation to the discussion, what would you like to bring before God in prayer?