**Cell Group Bible Study**

**Growing in Fruitfulness Sermon Series 2024**

**Introduction**

Welcome to the start of our church’s sermon series and cell group bible study on Growing in Fruitfulness! We will be embarking on this journey for seven weeks based on the sermon series.

*Why study Growing in Fruitfulness passages?*

1. This is primarily God’s call to us as His disciples. Both our heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to bear fruit for His glory (John 15:8). It is not just a choice but a command (John 15:16).
2. Growing in Fruitfulness helps us find **true meaning in life**. We may be beset by many priorities and distractions in our lives but bearing fruit for Christ is the only activity that ensures eternal rewards for us, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal (Matthew 6:20)
3. Growing in Fruitfulness is God’s specific will and leading for COA in 2024. By participating in this together, we can experience growing together and God’s gracious blessings upon us as a community. We are also strengthened to reach out together for Christ.

*What is a suggested cell group and bible study format?*

1. You can incorporate the elements of the **4 W’s** for your cell meeting: **Welcome** (personal thanksgiving), **Worship** (songs), **Word** (bible study) and **Works** (prayer for each other and planning and participating in upcoming events of the church).
2. Each of the bible study will consist of three elements:
   1. **Introductory question** for discussion (related to the focus of the bible study)
   2. **Discussion question(s)** based on the passage
   3. **Possible application(s)** in daily life
3. You may not need to include all of the elements in a single cell group session but do not neglect any of the **4 W’s** over the long term.

*What can be helpful for cell members to be more involved?*

1. Everyone should try to read the bible passage beforehand or during the meeting.
2. Cell members can be rostered to lead in the various elements within the cell meeting: welcome, worship, bible study or prayer. This will help involve more members for the cell.
3. In smaller groups, cell members can keep in touch with one another about how they have been applying the lessons learnt in the sermon/bible study throughout the week.

*What is helpful for you as a cell leader to have a fruitful meeting?*

1. Start and end every meeting **on time**. This honours the commitment that all the cell members have made to attend cell on time.
2. Encourage everyone to share and thank them for sharing – there are no wrong answers (unless it contradicts what God says!) and each opinion should be valued.
3. Look to affirm what your members are sharing – especially about how God may be speaking or leading them in their lives.
4. Feel free to stop at any point to elaborate if the Spirit is leading you to – **you don’t have to complete all of the discussion questions.**
5. Keep your cell group meeting and your members in prayer throughout the week.

**Growing in Fruitfulness Bible Study (11 Feb)**

**Growing in Fruitfulness in Our Witness**

**Big Idea – Being Fruitful in Witness Requires Right Knowledge and Strong Commitment**

Key Verse: *“For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake.”* 2 Corinthians 4:5

***A. Introductory Question***

What is the best news you have heard this week? Why is it such good news?

***B. Discussion Questions***

**[Read 2 Corinthians 4:1-6]**

This passage is a wonderful lead up to our upcoming sermon series and bible study on 2 Corinthians. Paul, God’s apostle to the Gentiles, writes about his understanding and methods of living as a witness for Christ and sharing the gospel to others to the church. He hopes that his hearers will learn from him.

1. According to verse 2, what is the **one most important criterion** in sharing the Gospel? How does applying this help to make the gospel more effective to listeners?
2. According to verses 3 and 4, what is the **one main reason** why people do not believe in the Gospel of Christ? What do you think this mean?
3. According to verse 6, what is the **key way** that people come to believe and put their faith in Christ? How is that the same or different from how you usually understand how people come to Christ?

***C. Application***

Proverbs 11:30 tells us: “*The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and he who wins souls is* ***wise****.”* (NKJV)

Winning souls for Christ is part of fruitfulness in our Christian lives and we are called to devote ourselves to this one overriding aim in our lives.

1. With reference to the above points you have learnt from the bible study about being fruitful in witness, what is **one point** that has struck you most? How will that change your attitude towards sharing the gospel or the way you go about witnessing for Christ?

Identify one person to apply this lesson on which God has placed in your heart in this season of your life. Share with one another about this person and pray for each other that Holy Spirit will lead and guide you to be an effective witness to him or her.