



HOW TO PLANT AN ORCHARD

Week 2: THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Kaleo Mission & Vision

To equip everyday people to **GO, LOVE, SERVE** in the ordinary spaces God has placed them.

Principles We Practice

ABIDING: Right Position

OBEDIENCE: Right Action

SURRENDER: Right Attitude

GO: Right Response

Recap Week 1: Seeds & Seasons

Your practice of the disciplines will look like who you are in Christ, not a copy of someone else's strengths or personality. However, the disciplines, or means of grace, are necessary. They create the space in our lives to help us hear from & grow closer to Jesus so that we grow strong roots.

To everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under the sun.

"There is no improving the future without disturbing the present." (Catherine Booth)

"Are you willing to let God's grace wake you up, challenge you, and change the way you live?"

Luke 6:60 On hearing it, many of his disciples said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?"

Psalms 1:1-3 (NASB 95) ¹How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers! ²But his delight is in the law of the Lord, And in His law he meditates day and night. ³He will be like a tree *firmly* planted by streams of water, Which yields its fruit in its season and its leaf does not wither; And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Behavior Modification is not the goal, this is why we have the practices & patterns of
ABIDE > OBEY > SURRENDER > GO

John 15:1-5 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵“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.”

DISCUSS: v.2 “every branch in me” What does the “in me” indicate?

DISCUSS: Two kinds of branches are described in v.2. What is the description of each & what does the gardener (God) do to each of them?

DISCUSS: v.3 If we are clean by his word (what does that actually mean)?

DISCUSS: v.4 What does it mean to remain in Jesus? What does that mean? Why is it necessary?

DISCUSS: v.5 There is a statement, a promise, and a warning (Explain each of these in non-Jesus words.)

“We can ‘do nothing’ for the Kingdom or for ourselves, though we might think we can. American Christianity is fixated on success and accomplishments, buildings and services, programs and head counts. This is what we’ve come to define as being fruitful. But is that what Jesus is talking about? Hardly. In Galatians 5, when the Apostle Paul talks about the fruit of the Spirit, we don’t find the creation and maintenance of buildings, personalities, or programs.”
Paul Shotsberger

Galatians 5:22-23 “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Fruit is the evidence of which kind of tree/vine it is attached to.

Hope Shot: “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit.”

Examine the orchard of your own life. Which fruit needs to be cultivated in you? Which fruit seems to be flourishing? Is there one in particular that the Holy Spirit wants to focus on during this season? Are you open to the work in that area?