

HOW TO PLANT AN ORCHARD

Week 5: WHY SCRIPTURE?

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 Weeks 1-4
Jesus is not a supplement. He is the full meal deal!
Information in Scripture should lead to formation in us.
Mature Christians understand & apply the Word (Scripture).
We must move from passive reading (checklist) to active engagement (shovel).

Psalm 1:1-3 (NLT) [1]Oh, the joys of those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or stand around with sinners, or join in with mockers. [2]But they delight in the law of the Lord, meditating on it day and night. [3]They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.

Why Scripture? The Foundation of the Father's Business

Luke 2:41-51 [41]Every year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the Passover festival. [42]When Jesus was twelve years old, they went to the festival as usual. [43]When the festival was over, they went home, but Jesus stayed in Jerusalem. His parents did not know about it.[44]They traveled for a whole day thinking that Jesus was with them in the group. They began looking for him among their family and close friends, [45]but they did not find him. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him there. [46]After three days they found him. Jesus was sitting in the Temple area with the religious teachers, listening and asking them questions. [47]Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and wise answers. [48]When his parents saw him, they wondered how this was possible. And his mother said, "Son, why did you do this to us? Your father and I were very worried about you. We have been looking for you." [49]**Jesus said to them, "Why did you have to look for me? You should have known that I must be where my Father's work is.]" [50] But they did not understand the meaning of what he said to them.** [51]Jesus went with them to Nazareth and obeyed them. His mother was still thinking about all these things.
Jesus was operating with a holy ***dei*** (MUST) a **divine necessity**—something that *has* to happen because it is seamlessly woven into God the Father's sovereign plan.

dei, narrowed down throughout Jesus's words & actions for himself:
Necessity of His mission & preaching: Luke 4:43, John 9:4, John 10:16
Necessity of the Cross: Mark 8:31, John 3:14
Necessity of fulfilling Scripture: Luke 22:37, Luke 24:44

dei, narrowed down on individuals:
John 3:7 “You must be born again”

Matthew 28:18-20 When Jesus came to them and said, [18]“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19]Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20]and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Spiritual Disciplines begin with being rooted in the Word of God so that we can carry out the Father’s business accurately (to reflect Jesus & draw others in) through His power at work within us. (Remember Psalm 1:1-3)

We cannot truly be about the Fathers business if we are not staying connected to Jesus. Scripture uses an equally absolute, non-negotiable word when describing our call to stay connected to Jesus: "Abide." [Reference: John 15:4-7 (ERV)]

The Spiritual Imperative : Jesus establishes an absolute necessity for the Christian life: staying plugged into Him is not optional for spiritual survival. “Stay joined to me and I will stay joined to you. No branch can produce fruit alone. It must stay connected to the vine. It is the same with you.” (John 15:4a)

The Rooted Condition: "abide" (Greek: *menō*): remain, dwell, or take up permanent residence. To be "rooted in the Word" means your thoughts, choices, and identity are continuously drawing life from Jesus, the same way a branch draws sap from a vine. “You cannot produce fruit alone. You must stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I to you, you will produce plenty of fruit.” (v. 4b-5)

The Absolute Consequence: Jesus concludes with an uncompromising standard: *"Without Me you can do nothing."* It is a structural impossibility to produce **genuine** spiritual fruit—like love, joy, or holiness—apart from a continuous connection to Him. But separated from me you won’t be able to do anything.

When Jesus was 12, He said He must be about His “Father’s business”. That is handed over to us.

HOPE SHOT: (John 14:23 AMP) Jesus answered, “If anyone [really] loves Me, he will keep My word (teaching); and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our dwelling place with him.”

REFLECT:
Are you abiding in—connected to—Jesus through Scripture?

Are you trying to do it alone or still relying on supplements?

In your everyday going, are you about the business of the Father?