

Describe something that God has pruned (cut off) from your life. Describe the pain. Describe the growth that you have seen as a result of God's pruning. God has two purposes for pain: Pruning and discipline. Where have you found yourself on the discipline vs pruning chart from the sermon?

How have you seen God produce more fruit in your life as a result of his pruning? How? Are you willing to trust God's tools with every 'branch' in your life? Glorifying God in the midst of pain is hard. But when we trust his purposes, he grows us in ways that are impossible without a measured amount of pain. How can you glorify God for his care in the process of growing you?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Can you identify one area of your life you would like to see growth in this year? What is it? Pray and ask God to help you abide in Him to experience growth in this area.



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May 19, 2024

John 15:1-8

I. The prerequisite for growth: _____.

1.

2.

3.

II. The process of growth: _____.

1. Pruning is essential for _____.

2. Pruning changes my _____ on pain.

Discipline	Pruning
God's response to _____	God's response to _____
I'm doing something _____ and God wants less of it.	I'm doing something _____ and God wants more of it.
Stops when the sin _____	Continues for a _____
Proves God _____ me	Proves God is _____ me

III. The purpose of growth: _____.

1. Give God access to _____.

2. Trust God's _____.

3. Point to God's _____ in your pain.

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Describe the greatest period of spiritual growth in your life. When was it? What circumstances did God use to grow you? Do you feel that you are growing, shrinking, or stagnating in this season? Why?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Abiding means intentionally and actively remaining, uniting, and depending. Has your heart ever been broken by someone who has stopped abiding? Have you ever been tempted to stop abiding? Under what conditions have you been tempted to stop abiding? How does your union with Jesus bring peace in the midst of chaos?

Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$10,646

This Month: \$25,051

Last Month: \$49,345

Monthly Budget: \$44,759



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