

***The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 2***  
**Group Week of: September 15, 2024**



**Instructions:**

1. Read the assigned chapter.
2. Answer questions in the handout.
3. Discuss with your life group.

**Comprehension**

- 1) Are the authors arguing that we stop doing trellis work and start doing vine work? Defend your answer using their words in the book. (pg. 17)
- 2) What are some of the problems with “event-based” evangelism, and what are some solutions to this problem? (pg. 18, paragraph 4 – pg. 19, paragraph 2)
- 3) What does it look like for a ministry to be in “maintenance mode”? How is training the solution to this problem instead of “gap-filling”? (pg. 20, paragraph 4 – pg. 21, paragraph 1)
- 4) Why do ministries become “problem-focused,” and what is the mind-shift that needs to take place here? (pg. 22, paragraphs 2-4)

**Evaluate**

- 1) Read and study 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.
  - a. What was Paul’s strategy for seeing souls saved and disciples made in Corinth?
  - b. Why is human weakness, rather than strength, such an important part of ministering the gospel?
- 2) Think of one or two ministries at West Side Church that you are a part of or care deeply about.
  - a. Are people seen as a necessary means of keeping the ministry going? Or is the ministry seen as existing for the training, equipping, and building of disciples? Why?

- b. If the ministry mind-shifts described in this chapter successfully took place, how might it affect the way that this ministry operates?

### **Apply**

- 1) As you think through the mind-shifts, what parts of your thinking need to be transformed?
  
- 2) Taken together, the first three mind-shifts would tell us to focus on building, training, and growing people. Who are you actively trying to help build, train, and grow? Do you come to life group with that intention?
  
- 3) If you are not ready to invest in someone else, have you reached out to a more mature Christian to ask them to invest in you? If not, please prayerfully reach out to someone in the next week and ask them to begin to meet with you with the intention of spiritual growth.