

***The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 1***  
**Group Week of: September 8, 2024**



**Instructions:**

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

**Comprehension**

- 1) Explain the metaphor of “trellis and vine” in your own words. (pg. 8, paragraphs 3-4)
  
- 2) Why does trellis work often take over vine work? (pg. 9-10, paragraphs 3-4)
  
- 3) What is the difference between building ministries and making disciples? Why do we get the two confused?
  
- 4) Who is responsible for fulfilling the Great Commission? (pg. 13, paragraph 2)

**Evaluate**

- 1) Read and study Matthew 28:16-20.
  - a. Describe the responsibility that Christ has given to every single believer *and* the church collectively.
  
  - b. Are you living in obedience to the lordship and authority of Christ?
  
  - c. Are you engaged in making disciples within the ministries you are part of? Why or why not?
  
- 2) Think of one or two ministries at West Side Church that you are a part of or care deeply about.
  - a. What is the trellis-focused aspect of that ministry?

b. Is the fruit of discipleship present on that trellis? Why or why not?

**Apply**

- 1) If you are not currently involved in the work of making disciples (whether by being disciplined or by discipling another person), explain your reasons below.
  
- 2) If you supplied reasons for the question above, what is one action you can take this week to get on the path of obeying Christ's call to make disciples?
  
- 3) If you are engaged in the work of making disciples, what is one action you can take this week to help others in your life group who are struggling to engage in this vital work?