

***The Trellis and the Vine - Chapter 4***  
**Group Week of: September 29, 2024**



**Instructions:**

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

**Comprehension**

- 1) Are all disciples of Jesus called to give up their lives and make disciples? Is there a fundamental difference between the call of a “pastor” and the call of a “lay person”? (pg. 42, paragraph 3 – pg. 43, paragraph 2).
- 2) What does “speaking the truth in love” refer to in Ephesians 4? What is its effect upon the body of Christ? (pg. 45, paragraphs 2-3)
- 3) Who and what did the Corinthians think “too highly” of? What was the effect on the Corinthian church? (pg. 47, paragraphs 2-3)
- 4) Should all believers be involved in sharing the gospel with unbelievers? (pg. 52, paragraph 3 – pg. 53, paragraph 2)

**Evaluate**

- 1) Pages 54-56 contains several examples of Christians gathering together or engaging with non-believers. Do you see these sorts of interactions as “discipleship”? If so, are you or could you be engaged in these sorts of activities? If not, why?
- 2) Read the following passages and explain what each teaches you about the work of discipleship.
  - a. Hebrews 10:24-25
  - b. Ephesians 4:14-16
  - c. 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

- 3) Do you feel that it is your responsibility to bring unbelievers to church so that they can be disciplined by other leaders, or do you feel it is your personal responsibility to engage with and disciple unbelievers?

### **Apply**

- 1) After this chapter, do you believe that discipleship is something that you can personally engage in, or does it seem out of reach? Explain your thoughts below.
  
- 2) Discipleship requires intentionality on our part to help those around us grow in Christlikeness. When you come to life group or church on Sunday, do you prepare yourself and come with the intention of helping others grow? If so, what are the things you do to prepare yourself? If not, what is one thing you can start doing to come prepared?
  
- 3) If you are engaged in ministry at West Side, who is one person you serve with that you can start intentionally pursuing Christlikeness with? This can be either someone that you pour into or someone you ask to pour into you. Prayerfully consider asking that person about discipleship this week.