

6. Good fruit – actions in light of the Cross and good roots and tailored to your friend's heat

- a. Fellowship and accountability
- b. Spiritual disciplines and communing with the Lord
- c. Serving others
- d. Living in reality
- e. Taking rightful responsibility
- f. Trusting in appropriate areas
- g. Barriers and environment
- h. Restoring relationships



Summer Dinner Series

Week 4 | A Framework to Know Your Friends

Review of Last Week

Objective for Tonight

1. Heat – situation/circumstances

What situations, times of the day, trials, people, circumstances typically trigger your bad fruit?

2. Bad Fruit - a particular observable behavior or feeling done in response to the heat

What do you do in response to your heat?

3. Bad Roots – the underlying desires, demands, and lies about God that drive bad fruit

While bad fruit is the typical focus, bad roots are what really needs to be addressed.

These are the desires, demands, and lies about God that drive the bad fruit.

Ways to assess and draw out bad roots:

a. What does this particular sin give you that you want so bad that you sin to get it, or that you sin if you don't get it?

b. What lies about God are you believing?

Examples:

- God must not be good if he doesn't give me what I want
- God must be cruel for giving me this kind of spouse, so I won't trust Him
- God won't care

c. Nice to have vs. Must have

- What do you say are must haves that should be nice to haves
- What do you say are nice to haves that should be must haves

d. If only I had _____, then I would be/have _____

"If only I had respect, then I would have a good life."

- In this case, the idol is having a good life; you need to understand how you are defining a good life and see if it's biblical

4. Cross – implications of the Gospel on our identity, abilities, and our desires

a. Indwelt by the power of the Holy Spirit

b. Redefined family

c. Redefined identity

d. Redefined desires and priorities

e. Access to a local church body

5. Good Roots – Biblical truth to counter bad roots

a. Broadly, what does the Bible call us to do?

Example: Philippians 4:12 and Matthew 5:5 to counter love of possessions, discontentment in the Gospel

b. More specifically, what person(s) in Scripture can speak even more directly to your friend?

Example: Nebuchadnezzar learning who is in control

c. Even more specifically, help your friend recount 1-2 ways God has shown himself to be faithful and create a 1 liner to remember that when you are tempted