

Lent 5: Good fruit or bad fruit?

Discussion group questions

Luke 6:43-49

Leaders – choose carefully. Some questions pick up similar themes, **so work out what is best for your group.**

Blessed Assurance

1. Do you ever struggle with assurance in your faith? What are the things that make you question whether you are a “real” Christian?
2. How does Jesus’ teaching in Luke 6:43-49 help provide confidence in our salvation?
3. What are some indicators in your own life that show God is at work in you?

1. Good Fruit (Luke 6:43-45)

4. Jesus says that “a tree is recognised by its fruit.” What do you think this means practically for the Christian life?
5. How does Jesus’ teaching challenge the idea that people can be “good” apart from him?
6. In John 15, Jesus says we must “remain in him” to bear fruit. What are some ways you can intentionally stay connected to Jesus?
7. We all sin and fail at times. How can we distinguish between occasional sin and a pattern of life that reveals an unchanged heart?

2. Obedience (Luke 6:46-49)

8. Why do you think some people call Jesus “Lord” but don’t do what he says?
9. Share some areas in your life where you find it hardest to obey Jesus?
10. Jesus says obedience is wise - like building on a solid foundation.. How have you seen obedience to Jesus provide stability in your life, especially in difficult times?
11. What are some practical ways we can ensure we are not just *hearing* Jesus’ words but actually putting them into practice?

Final Reflection

12. Looking at your own life, do you see evidence of good fruit? In what ways has God grown you over time?
13. Is there anything in today’s passage that encourages or challenges you to respond in a specific way this week?

Dear Father, thank you that we can be confident you are at work in us. When we see good fruit in our lives—when we love, forgive, and follow you—thank you for this evidence of your Spirit within us. Keep growing us, shaping us, and strengthening our obedience, so that we stand firm in you. In Jesus’ name. Amen.