

Built Different

Discussion Guide “3 Keys to a Fruitful Life” Pastor Daniel Floyd

Starter Think about something in your life that only got better because you stuck with it over time—a habit, relationship, skill, or routine. Were there things that made it hard to stay consistent? What fruit did you eventually see from not giving up?

Sermon Summary

This message teaches that a fruitful life comes not from striving harder but from consistently remaining connected to Jesus, the True Vine, through faithful, daily obedience. As we trust God through every season—whether growth, pruning, or waiting—He produces lasting fruit in our lives in His time.

ACT

As you absorb sermons, read, or participate in group discussion, take notes and make a plan to apply what God’s teaching you.

A (Action): Mark important ideas with an “A” to remind you to take action.

C (Contemplate): Use a “C” to mark ideas you want to process further.

T (Transfer/Teach): If it’s something you need to teach to someone else, note it with a “T.”

Read

What do these Scriptures teach you about God’s character and His desires for you?
(Read some or all verses together.)

1 Timothy 4:7
Genesis 8:22

Matthew 6:33
Ecclesiastes 3:1

John 15:1–5

Proverbs 3:3–4

Discuss

Choose questions to keep the discussion moving. There’s no need to discuss every question.

1. What stood out to you most about “remaining in the vine,” and why do you think that concept is so challenging to live out consistently?
2. Can you identify an area of your life where you’ve been tempted to chase quick results instead of practicing faithful consistency? What might “remaining” look like there?

3. Pastor Daniel mentions seasons like pruning, dormancy, and fruitfulness. What season do you feel you're in right now, and how does that affect your faith?
4. How does the idea that “faithfulness produces fruitfulness” change the way you view spiritual habits like prayer, Scripture reading, serving, or giving?
5. What is one consistent habit or pattern God might be inviting you to commit to again this year, even if you don’t see immediate results?

Go Deeper

1. Study Luke 10:38–42 (Mary and Martha). Mary chose *abiding* over activity, presence over productivity. Where do you identify more with Martha or Mary right now? How does busyness subtly disconnect us from remaining in Jesus? What might it look like in your daily life to live out “the one thing needed” that Jesus affirms?
2. Study Hebrews 12:1–11 (Pruning Through Discipline). God’s pruning is loving, purposeful, and aimed at long-term fruit. What is the difference between punishment and pruning? How does discipline “later yield a harvest of righteousness”? What might God be shaping in you that won’t show fruit immediately?

Apply

1. Choose one “remain” habit for the next 30 days—such as daily prayer, reading a short portion of Scripture, or consistent church involvement—and commit to doing it faithfully without focusing on results, trusting God to produce the fruit in His time.
2. Take time this week to reflect on whether you’re in a season of growth, pruning, or waiting; intentionally align your expectations and prayers with that season, asking God not just for change but for trust and perseverance as you remain connected to Him.

Pray

Here are some prayer points:

- Pray for God to reveal His love for you. You can only abide and trust in Him if you know His deep love for you.
- Pray for daily faithfulness—not chasing results or quick change but faithfully staying connected to Jesus, no matter the season.
- Pray for trust in God’s timing and seasons, even when fruit isn’t visible, knowing that God is working beneath the surface and His timing is always for your good.
- Pray for lasting spiritual fruit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, and self-control—so your life reflects Jesus and blesses those around you.

Leadership Tip

Resist the pressure to rush the group toward quick takeaways or fixes. Model “remaining” by creating space for honest reflection, trusting that meaningful growth often happens through consistent, relational conversations over time, rather than through one powerful discussion.