



DO AS JESUS DID [JOHN 15]

The church is called to remain in Christ so that God can produce lasting fruit. Spiritual formation is the process by which we are shaped into Christlikeness for the sake of others. Intentional rhythms or a rule of life are made up of practices like prayer, devotion, community, healing, and fasting and feasting— they do not produce fruit themselves but create the structure God uses to grow it. The true fruit of this formation is love: love for God, for one another, and especially for the poor, marginalized, and overlooked. As believers abide in Jesus, they naturally begin to do what He did, encountering Him in everyday acts of obedience and compassion, and becoming a church that not only welcomes people in but goes out to love the world as Christ first loved them.

Discussion Questions:

1. What practices or patterns in your life are actively forming you into the image of Jesus, and how can you prioritize them?
2. What practices, patterns, or influences in your life might actively deform or passively conform you into an image other than the image of Christ?
3. How do you see God forming and creating fruit in the lives of the people in your house church? How can you encourage each other in these areas?
4. With all this vision in mind, what would you pray over Trellis? What would you ask God for and how would you speak blessing over this community?