



FRUITFUL THROUGH THE CROSS

4-Week Study Guide Booklet

Priest Lake Community Baptist Church

WEEK 1 – March 8

The Seed Must Die

Text: John 12:24; Luke 9:23 (KJV)

Key Scripture

“Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.” — John 12:24

Sermon Notes (Fill in the Blank)

Belonging is the _____, not the finish line.

Fruitfulness requires _____.

What remains _____ remains isolated.

To die means to deny _____.

You cannot be both the captain of your destiny and surrendered to the _____ of Christ.

Burial in God is not _____; it is planting.

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Before Resurrection Sunday, there must be _____.

Reflection Questions

What area of my life is resisting surrender?

What am I protecting that God may be trying to plant?

What would daily cross-bearing look like for me?

Small Group Discussion

- Why does the world resist the concept of dying to self?
- How can surrender lead to greater freedom?
- What does it mean practically to take up your cross daily?

Prayer Focus

“Lord, show me what needs to die so that fruit can grow.”



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Lent 2026 – Fasting & Prayer Guide

Preparing for Resurrection Sunday

Why We Fast

- To draw closer to God.
- To surrender distractions.
- To prepare our hearts for Resurrection Sunday.
- To create space for spiritual growth.

What You May Choose to Fast

- Social media or digital entertainment
- Television or streaming content
- One meal per week (if physically able)
- Unnecessary spending
- Negative speech or complaining
- Any habit that competes with your spiritual focus

How to Pray During This Season

- Seek God daily in prayer and Scripture.
- Confess and repent where needed.
- Ask, 'Lord, what needs to die in me?'
- Pray for healing and renewal.
- Intercede for others.
- Prepare your heart for Resurrection Sunday.

Commitment: From now until Resurrection Sunday, I will fast _____ and commit to intentional daily prayer.

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLESHIP LEVELS

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1. DISCONNECTED (Spiritually Dead / Infant)

Not meaningfully connected to Christ or Christian community. Primary need: Connection to Christ and authentic community. Next step: Salvation, recommitment, baptism, and Small Group connection.

2. CONNECTED (Spiritual Child)

Has trusted Christ and is connected to believers but still growing in consistency. Primary need: Spiritual growth and accountability. Next step: Commit to serving and deeper discipleship.

3. CONTRIBUTOR (Spiritual Young Adult)

Has shifted from consumer to contributor. Actively serving and growing. Primary need: Development and responsibility. Next step: Leadership training and ministry ownership.

4. CONNECTOR (Spiritual Parent)

A mature disciple intentionally living on mission and reproducing spiritually. Primary need: Multiplication and leadership of leaders. Next step: Coach others, launch groups, expand Kingdom influence.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

DISCONNECTED → CONNECTED → CONTRIBUTOR → CONNECTOR



Spiritual-Discipleship Maturity Self-Assessment

Circle one number (1 = Not True Yet, 5 = Very True of Me) for each statement.

DISCONNECTED (Dead / Infant) Total Score: _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I am not consistently connected to Christ or Christian community.

1	2	3	4	5
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I often feel spiritually stagnant, discouraged, or distant from God.

1	2	3	4	5
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I need stronger spiritual guidance and care.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONNECTED (Child) Total Score: _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I have placed my faith in Christ and attend church regularly.

1	2	3	4	5
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I am connected to other believers but still growing in consistency.

1	2	3	4	5
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I tend to view church primarily as a place that meets my needs.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONTRIBUTOR (Young Adult) Total Score: _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I actively look for ways to serve and meet the needs of others.

1	2	3	4	5
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I am growing personally and using my spiritual gifts.

1	2	3	4	5
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I have shifted from consuming to contributing spiritually.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONNECTOR (Parent) Total Score: _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I intentionally disciple or mentor others.

1	2	3	4	5
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I recruit and encourage others to serve and grow.

1	2	3	4	5
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I lead with a Kingdom-first mindset and reproduce spiritually.

1	2	3	4	5
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The area with the highest score is, most likely, your current Spiritual Discipleship Maturity Level.
Pray about your next step to: Move from Disconnected to Connected, from Connected to Contributor, and from Contributor to Connector.



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WEEK 2 – March 15

Restored for Fruitfulness

Text: Psalm 51:10–13; John 21:15–17 (KJV)

Key Scripture

“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.” — Psalm 51:10

Sermon Notes (Fill in the Blank)

Hidden wounds produce hidden _____.

Restoration precedes _____.

You cannot flourish in contaminated _____.

God restores us for _____, not just relief.

Reflection Questions

Where do you need healing?

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Who do you need to forgive?

Small Group Discussion

- Why is restoration necessary for fruitfulness?
- How does community accelerate healing?

Prayer Focus

“Lord, restore my heart so I can bear fruit.”



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WEEK 3 – March 22

Abide and Multiply

Text: John 15:4–8; Acts 2:42–47 (KJV)

Key Scripture

“Abide in me, and I in you... the same bringeth forth much fruit.” — John 15:4–5

Sermon Notes (Fill in the Blank)

Fruit is the result of _____.

Disconnected branches eventually _____.

Rows inspire, but _____ transform.

New life must be planted in healthy _____.

Reflection Questions

Where are you spiritually disconnected?

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What is your next step toward deeper connection?

Small Group Discussion

- What does abiding look like practically?
- Why is spiritual isolation dangerous?

Prayer Focus

“Lord, keep me connected so I can multiply.”



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WEEK 4 – March 29

From Cross to Harvest

Text: Hebrews 12:2; Mark 11 (KJV)

Key Scripture

“For the joy that was set before him endured the cross...” — Hebrews 12:2

Sermon Notes (Fill in the Blank)

Sacrifice produces _____.

Resurrection Sunday is the beginning of _____.

Harvest requires preparation and _____.

We prepare now so no one grows _____.

Reflection Questions

Who will you invite to Resurrection Sunday?



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How is God positioning you for harvest?

Small Group Discussion

- Why is sacrifice necessary for multiplication?
- How can we prepare for harvest?

Prayer Focus

“Lord, make me ready for harvest.”