



# FRUITFUL THROUGH THE CROSS

## Parent & Leader Discussion Guide Priest Lake Community Baptist Church

This guide equips parents, youth leaders, and mentors to help students process the “Fruitful Through the Cross” series. The goal is not perfect answers but meaningful conversation that helps students reflect, grow spiritually, and apply biblical truth. Each week includes discussion questions, insights for adults, and a simple prayer guide.

### **Week 1 – March 8 | The Seed Must Die**

**Scripture:** John 12:24; Luke 9:23

**Big Idea:** Spiritual growth begins when we surrender our own way and follow Jesus.

#### ***Discussion Questions***

- Why do you think Jesus compared our lives to a seed?
- What are some things teenagers struggle to surrender?
- What does it mean to take up your cross daily?
- How can following Jesus bring real freedom?

#### ***Leader / Parent Insight***

Students often hear messages like 'follow your heart.' Jesus teaches something deeper: follow Him. Help them see that surrender to God leads to real life and growth.

#### ***Prayer Guide***

God, help us surrender the things that keep us from growing in You.

### **Week 2 – March 15 | Restored for Fruitfulness**

**Scripture:** Psalm 51:10–13

**Big Idea:** God heals our hearts so we can grow and help others grow.

#### ***Discussion Questions***

- Why is forgiveness sometimes difficult?
- What emotional challenges do teenagers face today?
- How does God restore and heal our hearts?
- Why is forgiveness important for spiritual growth?

#### ***Leader / Parent Insight***

Many students carry hidden hurts such as rejection, comparison, or insecurity. Listen carefully and create a safe place for honesty.

#### ***Prayer Guide***

Lord, restore our hearts and teach us to forgive.

## **Week 3 – March 22 | Abide and Multiply**

**Scripture:** John 15:4–8

**Big Idea:** Spiritual growth happens when we stay connected to Jesus.

### ***Discussion Questions***

- What does it mean to remain connected to Jesus?
- What habits help you feel closest to God?
- What distractions pull you away from your faith?
- Why are Christian friendships important?

### ***Leader / Parent Insight***

Friend groups strongly influence teenagers. Encourage relationships that support spiritual growth.

### ***Prayer Guide***

Jesus, help us stay connected to You every day.

## **Week 4 – March 29 | From Cross to Harvest**

**Scripture:** Hebrews 12:2

**Big Idea:** Jesus endured the cross because He saw the future harvest of changed lives.

### ***Discussion Questions***

- Why did Jesus endure the cross?
- What does spiritual harvest mean?
- How can God use your life to help others find Him?
- Who could you invite to church or Resurrection Sunday?

### ***Leader / Parent Insight***

Students are often the best evangelists to their friends. Encourage them to invite someone to church.

### ***Prayer Guide***

God, use our lives to help others discover Your love.