



## Session 4 Leader Guide

Yahweh is God's authoritative, relational name.

When you cultivate the relationship underneath the rule, God shares more of His authority.

Jesus says He wants Christians to be fruitful and productive.

### THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF FRUIT

1. Fruit always bears the character of the tree.  
The first thing you will discover under the rule of Jesus Christ is that you're becoming more like Him in your attitudes, actions, character, and conduct.
2. Fruit is always visible. You cannot be a disciple if you are an invisible follower of Christ.
3. Fruit always benefits somebody else. Jesus wants other people to spiritually benefit from your life.

Your spiritual ability to take the information and utilize it in the decisions of life turns you into a meat-eating Christian.

You will become a kingdom disciple when you consistently learn to look at the spiritual in front of the physical.

Abiding is the key to fruit. Fruit is the key to development. Development is the key to discipleship. Discipleship is the key to kingdom authority.

The tangible proof that you are abiding and growing as a kingdom disciple will be answered prayer.

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**Discuss the video with your group, using these questions.**

1. Dr. Evans said when we pray in Jesus' name, we're piggybacking on Jesus' authority. How is prayer a means to bring God's authority to bear in the here and now?
2. Read John 15:1-16. The key word in this passage is fruit. What does this word mean in the context in which Jesus used it?
3. In this session Dr. Evans said, "If you are a kingdom disciple, you are rubbing off on others. If you are a disciple, you are making disciples." Why do you think many Christians aren't actively engaged in replicating the life and love of Christ in others?
4. Who taught you what it means to follow Jesus?
5. Whom could you begin to disciple to follow Jesus?
6. Read Hebrews 5: 11-14. What's the difference between a milk-drinking Christian and a meat-eating Christian?
7. Using Paul's life as an example, Dr. Evans suggested that in five years a believer can reach stable spiritual maturity. How have you matured in your past five years of walking with the Lord?
8. Read John 15:4-7 and 1 John 2:24-27. What does the word abide mean? What's the connection between abiding and become a fruit-bearing Christian?
9. What makes abiding in Jesus different from trying to increase your intimacy with God through effort and willpower?
10. How is your relationship with Jesus bearing fruit in your life now?