



BLOOM

The Parable of the Seed- Debbie Stuart

John 15: 1-11

GROUP ACTIVITY:

What STRENGTHENS your spiritual growth?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

What STUNTS your spiritual growth?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

2 Things Needed to Produce Much Fruit (Spiritually Productive):

1. _____ - continue to be present, dwell, constant connection
2. _____ - endure, persevere, do not leave. Greek word: Meno

GROUP ACTIVITY: Look back at John Ch. 15

God is glorified when we _____ (vs.8)

Why are branches cut off? _____

Why are branches cut back? _____

Think of gardening: Why do gardeners prune trees, bushes, roses, branches/shrubs?

List as many reasons as you can: _____

Essentials to Produce Much Fruit:

1. _____ - Abide. Remain. 20 Minutes a Day for the Rest of Your Life! Ps. 119:34
2. _____ - Pruning. Painful Things. A crisis is a terrible thing to waste. James 1
3. _____ - Spiritual Disciplines. Serving. Obedience. Actions/Attitudes. Ps. 119:5

Lessons from the Greenhouse:

1. When the conditions are right, things will grow. You are in charge of the conditions.
2. Big things don't grow in shallow soil.
3. Bad stuff grows automatically, good stuff has to be cultivated!
4. Pruning feels/seems harsh but it produces health. Welcome the pruning process.
5. Don't make this harder than it is. Don't panic. Don't give up. Try again.