



HOW TO ECHO | WEEK 2

ICE BREAKERS

Choose 1-2 of the following:

- What is your favorite fruit/vegetable? Where do you like to get your produce?
- If you could grow anything, what would it be?
- What uncertainty did you experience as a new parent/spouse/employee?

READ

Ephesians 4:14-15 (NLT)

¹⁴“Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. ¹⁵Instead we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.”

QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. Why is it so important to God that you keep growing in your faith? What benefits of spiritual growth does He share in these verses? What other benefits do you think there are?

READ

John 15:1-5 (NLT)

¹“I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. ²He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. ³You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. ⁴Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. ⁵‘Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.’”



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. What would it look like for a person to “remain” in Jesus? Who comes to mind when you think of someone who does this well, and why?
2. Which is harder for you, to grow in “fruit of character” or to grow in “fruit of ministry”? Why?
3. If you have taken the step of surrendering all of your life to Jesus, how do you think you have grown and become more like Christ since making that commitment?
4. “If I am not willing to say Yes to it all, I’m not saying yes at all.” Do you agree with this statement? On a scale of 1-10, how surrendered to God are you right now in your life?
5. How has your daily habit of being with Jesus changed you, if you have one? If you haven’t developed this habit of consistent time with Jesus, how could you grow from it? Are you willing to look at the Resource Guide to get started? If so, [Click here](#).



READ

John 15:9-11 (NLT)

⁹“ I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. ¹⁰When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father’s commandments and remain in His love. ¹¹I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow!”



QUESTION TO CONSIDER

1. Faithful Endurance - How have you been growing spiritually as a result of difficulty lately? Are you able to thank God for it and be joyful because of it?

2. What kind of spiritual fruit do you think God would most like to see growing in your life this year? a) complete surrender to Him, b) character change, c) love and compassion for those in need, d) consistent time with God each day, e) pointing people to Jesus.
3. Bonus challenge: Take a moment to pray and ask God to show you specifically how He would like to work in each of the above areas of your life.



PRAYER

Share prayer requests and Pray:

Thank you God that you want to be close to us, that you want to grow us and use us to help others know you too. Thank you for the ways you have grown us so far and for being our source of change and progress. Help us to surrender and obey you more and more each day as we spend time with you. Help us to say "Yes" to everything you want from us and for us. We embrace opportunities to grow closer to you, to be changed by you, to enjoy your presence, and to grow in endurance through difficulties. You gave and you give us your all, help us to do the same. In Jesus' name, Amen.
