**Growth Group Preparation Questions**

**For the week of: September 25, 2022**

**Sermon Title: Overflow #3 - How to Overflow the Truth and Fruit of Jesus**

**Big Idea** We want everyone at FBC to ask the Lord the question, "WHO do you want me to be in an intentionally loving relationship with to OVERFLOW your truth and fruit?"

**Prepare**

Be sure to go back and watch this week's sermon if you haven't seen it already and read Luke 7 in preparation for this week's discussion.

**Connect**

1. What is your favorite kind of fruit?

**Discuss**

1. Reflect on this week's sermon. Was anything particularly impactful for you?
2. Many churches highlight either truth or fruit. In Christ, we see Him model truth and fruit in tandem. Let's look at some examples of this. For each passage, note how Christ OVERFLOWED truth and fruit in each situation:
   1. John 11:17-35; The Story of Lazarus' death
      1. How did Christ show truth
      2. How did Christ show fruit
   2. Matthew 19:13-15; The Little Children and Jesus
      1. How did Christ show truth
      2. How did Christ show fruit
3. Read 1 John 2:6 - As you think about how Christ displayed both truth and fruit, think of a situation that you found yourself in this week and "rewrite" how that might look following the example of Christ.
4. Think and share some experiences growing up when you have had people (family members, coaches, teachers) overflow the combination of truth and fruit in your life. On the contrary, share some experiences you’ve had when someone has overflowed only truth or fruit.
5. Read 1 Thessalonians 2:8 - Who has the Holy Spirit put on your heart to grow in intentional relationship? What action steps have you taken toward that this week?
6. Read Ephesians 4:14-16 - As we pursue maturity in Christ, what stands out to you in this verse that you can apply this week to overflow?

**PRAY**

Spend some time as a group in prayer specifically about FBC, your G2, and how you would be reflecting these verses.

**Serve and Share (S2) Reflection and Action**

Talk to your group about what you saw in services about *Restoration Outreach Programs* and *Christ’s Body Ministries*. Are there opportunities that you or your group would want to pursue?