



Session 05

THE BRANCHES & FRUIT

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Joel Lutz is a passionate leader and mobiliser in both the business and Christian worlds. He has over 20 years of multi-cultural experience working with over 25 different people groups. He has had the opportunity to work in over 10 countries side by side with native nationals on multiple projects. His experience has taught him to lead by example, delegate when needed, and manage the risks of critical decisions that impact the entire team.

Sessions Overview

1. Introduction to the Basics
2. The Root: Love the Lord
3. The Root: Remain at His Feet
4. The Root: Faith that Gives Nourishment
- 5. The Branches & Fruit**
6. Growth: The Word
7. Growth: Putting it into Practice
8. Pruning: To Bear more Fruit
9. God's Promise, Believe IT!
10. The Tree: All for the Father's Glory!

Session Summary.

In this session the instructor will take you back to John 15 verses 4 and 5 to discover why it is important for your prayer tree to have healthy roots. He will use the story of King Hezekiah to help you discover that your prayers do matter and that God is inviting you to pray as part of His plan.

Fill in the Blanks

1. Why is Jesus using the vine, an agriculture image, to explain His message?

2. Luke is repeatedly using the Greek word _____, which translates _____, _____, _____, _____, _____.

3. We see in this teaching the repetition of the intention of God to be in relationship with us. This time it's described through the relationship between the vine tree and its branches. What does Jesus say about the relationship between the vine and the branches?

4. Why does God choose to use us as coworkers in His Kingdom work? In other words, why does Jesus relate to us as branches?

5. For the next question make sure you know what 'predestination' means. Write here a short definition of 'predestination' in your own words:

6. What is the question Charles Spurgeon raises about prayer and predestination? Can you relate to this question? Have you ever asked yourself that question too?

7. A) What is the answer that Charles Spurgeon provides for this?

B) How do you understand it?

8. Joel's homework for you: In the next days and weeks take a look at the stories about King Hezekiah in 2 Kings, 2 Chronicles, and Isaiah and ask God to grow your roots so they will reach deeper to, and have a stronger anchor in His love and will keep you safe from becoming proud when He answers your prayer.