

Facilitation Guide



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Introduction to WOW! with Friends

"WOW!" is short for Women of Witness. "WOW! with Friends" is designed as a small group gathering, with the aim of hosting believing and/or pre-believing friends and families, for a time of fellowship. It also serves as an invitation to build and encourage each other as we come together. You may host these gatherings in your homes or any preferred conducive venue.

Our desire is to empower you to become an effective witness where you are, and this package has been designed to assist you to host your friends. It will include:

- Online sermonette
- Facilitation guide
- E-Salvation guide for you to lead your friend(s) to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- E-Hosting Kit which includes a downloadable DIY Photo booth props, posters, and personalized e-invites.

We will love to stay connected with you and to keep you and your small group in prayer, so do let us know where and when you will be hosting WOW! with Friends.

WOW! With Friends Guest Access - Connect with us here! Password: hiswitness

Let us be inspired, equipped and empowered to become effective witnesses for Jesus!







Format of Facilitation Guide

1. Introduction & Focus points	Facilitator can introduce "WOW! with Friends" and share the focus points with the group.
2. Watch Video Sermonette	Watch the 10 - 15 min video sermonette.
3. Key Scripture & Elaboration	Use the notes and scripture references to elaborate on the focus points in the Facilitation Guide to help with the learning experience of the group. The facilitator is encouraged to share her personal stories and testimonies as well.
4. Discussion Questions	Engage the group in the discussion and have them share their views and personal experiences.
5. Challenge	Invite participants to a call of action in their daily lives and walk with God.
6. Closing & Prayer	Conclude by sharing key focus of sharing, pray for one another and close in prayer.



WOW! with Friends Speaker: Jennifer Heng Sermonette: Fruitfulness in our lives

Introduction

Creation is poised for fruitfulness, and it all begins with God. The garden was full of fruit-bearing trees (Gen 1:12) where all living creatures, including us, were commanded "to be fruitful and multiply" (1:22,28). This theme of fruitfulness recurs throughout the Bible, accompanied by numerous promises and blessings. Throughout the Scriptures, God assures His people that if they walk in obedience and align themselves to His purposes, they will experience an abundant life.

In the Old Testament, the imagery of fruitfulness is used to depict the blessings and favor that come from following God's ways. The land flowing with milk and honey promised to the Israelites in the book of Exodus is the example of how fruitfulness represents God's provision and fulfillment of His promises.

In the New Testament, Jesus frequently used the analogy of fruitfulness to teach His disciples about the importance of bearing good fruit in their lives. He emphasized that a tree is known by its fruit, and a fruitful life is one that produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. These qualities mirror the character of Christ and are evidenced of a transformed heart. Like how a tree is known for its fruit, a believer's spiritual fruit reveals their relationship with God.

Our fruitfulness is a testament of God's faithfulness and goodness; it speaks volume about His love that empowers us to navigate through the challenges of life. As we dive into the session, may we be filled with His strength to become beacons of light and hope, illuminating the path for others to encounter Jesus's love, grace, and power.



Focus Points

- 1. Abiding in Christ.
- 2. Pruning comes with a promise.



Watch Video Sermonette

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Key Scripture & Elaboration

- ¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. ² He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. ³ You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. ⁴ Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. ⁵ "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. – John 15:1-6 (NIV)
- John 15:1-6 depicts Jesus as the true vine, God as the good gardener and believers as the branches. Fruit bearing does not depend on the branch, but on the vine that it is attached to. When the branch is joined to the vine it will bear fruit, but when it is detached from the vine it ceases to bear fruit. All that the branch needs to do to bear fruit is to remain attached to the vine.
- We see how God has designed an ecosystem for increase and productivity. And we are all invited into fruitfulness, which is a natural result from our obedience and abiding in Christ.
- The Christian life is not lived by our own efforts, but through Christ who lives in us. Jesus warns us in verse 5, *"Apart from me you can do nothing"*, Just as branches rely on the vine for nourishment, our spiritual lives draw strength from God and His living Word.
- ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.
 Galatians 2:20 (NKJV)



- Abiding in Jesus is the key to fruitfulness. If we do not abide and depend on the Lord, we will be inclined to depend on our own strength and abilities. While we may be able to achieve earthly accomplishments, they will not leave a spiritual legacy.
- ¹³ I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.
 Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)
- Just as a skilled gardener tends to their plants with care and precision, God nurtures and cultivates the lives of believers. His pruning involves the gentle yet deliberate removal of anything hindering spiritual growth or bearing fruit.
- This process may involve cutting away habits, attitudes, or relationships that obstruct intimacy with God or hinder the growth of Christ-like character.
- ⁷ If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.
 John 15:7-8 (NIV)
- Verse 7 reminds us to remain in the Word of God. When we are aligned to His Word, we will begin to ask in confidence for things according to the Word of God and trusting that He will deliver.
- The Word of the Lord prunes us and builds the fear of the Lord in our hearts. Ephesians 5:26 tells us that we are sanctified and cleansed "with the washing of water by the word". Through the Word, we are led to introspection, repentance, and growth, ultimately becoming vessels ready for God's divine purpose.



- "God rewards all growth with pruning. Pruning in the kingdom is not punishment, it is an invitation to fruitfulness." Pastor Bill Johnson
- While pruning can be painful, it enables us to yield greater fruit. We need to
 embrace hardships and trials as they are opportunities for spiritual growth. Let
 us deepen our roots in Christ and have faith that the pruning process is
 ultimately for our good.
- Our Heavenly Father is still in the multiplication business, He is a God of increase and a rewarder. God is limitless and He can bring our dreams to fruition in ways beyond our imagination. Even when it appears to you that you have experienced loss, maintain your faith in Him; trust in the process.
- ⁶ But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. - Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)
- The fruit from our lives is how God receives His due honor on earth. That is why Jesus declares, *"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit"*.
- ²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.
 Galatians 5:22-23 (NKJV)
- Pruning comes with a promise a promise of fruitfulness. Our role is to submit to God's pruning process in our lives, even during seasons of barrenness, let us remain and abide in Christ. For there will come a kairos moment when His promise will be fulfilled!





Discussion Questions

- 1. What kind of fruit do you sense Him wanting to bear through your life?
- 2. If God is pruning you through your current challenge(s) so as to produce fruit in your life, how has that changed your perspective of your trial?

Challenge

- 1. Abide in His Word, host WOW! with Friends and study the Word together.
- 2. Glorify God in everything you do throughout the week, find opportunities to praise and glorify God through your words and deeds.

<u>Closing</u>

Jesus emphasizes the importance of abiding in Him in John 15 by reiterating the command "remain in Me" 11 times to His disciples. Abiding in Christ is a lifelong journey of growing in intimacy with Him, deepening in faith, and bearing fruit that glorifies God. It is an invitation to walk closely with the Savior, experiencing His abundant grace and fulfilling His purposes for our lives.

Prayer

- 1. Pray for one another to abide in the Word of God and to be sanctified in His truth. (John 17:17)
- 2. Pray for one another to have the joy and strength of Lord during seasons of hardship and trial. (Nehemiah 8:10)