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**Discovering Life #4: Step Up & Grow**  
**January 24-25, 2026**  
John 15:1-8

**Opener:**

Share about a time you tried to grow something (a plant, a garden, a skill) and it didn't work because you didn't stay consistent with what it needed. What happened?

**Go Deeper:** *(Exploring the Bible)*

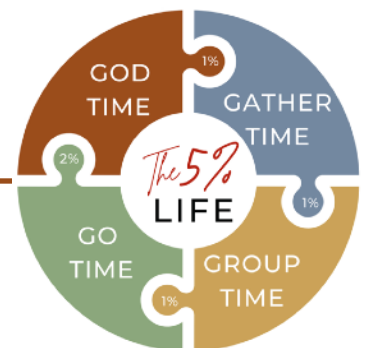
1. **Read John 15:1-8.** Jesus uses the word "remain" (or "abide") ten times in eight verses. Why do you think he repeats this so often? What's the difference between "remaining" and "trying harder"?
  2. **Look at John 15:3 alongside Colossians 1:13-14.** What does it mean that we are "already clean"? How does understanding this change the way we approach spiritual growth?
  3. **Read John 15:4-5.** A branch doesn't produce fruit—it receives life from the vine and fruit happens naturally. How does this challenge the way you've thought about Christian growth or spiritual disciplines?
  4. **\*\*Compare John 15:7 ("my words remain in you") with Colossians 1:9-10 ("filled with the knowledge of God's will").** What role does God's Word play in helping us remain connected to Christ?
  5. **Read John 15:8.** How does bearing fruit bring glory to God? What's the connection between our growth and others coming to faith?
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**Live It:** *(Applying to Daily Life)*

1. Where are you trying to "earn" something you already have in Christ? What would change if you truly believed you're "already clean" because of what Jesus has done?
2. The sermon said God gives us His Word not as a duty but as a gift to know Him better. What's one practical step you can take this week to read Scripture differently—not to check a box, but to hear God's voice?
3. Prayer was described as "bringing your real heart to the God who rescued you." What's one honest thing you need to tell God this week that you've been holding back?
4. When are you most tempted to skip worship or treat it as optional? What does that reveal about what you believe (or struggle to believe) about God's provision for you in worship?
5. The fruit of staying connected to Jesus naturally draws others to Him. Who in your life needs to hear about what Jesus has done for you? What's one way you could share your story with them this week?



**GOD TIME:**



**Daily Bible Readings (January 25-31)**

Sun:	John 15:1-11	The True Vine
Mon:	Colossians 1:9-14	Growing in the Knowledge of God
Tues:	Psalms 1:1-6	The Tree by Streams of Water
Wed:	Romans 8:1-11	No Condemnation in Christ
Thurs:	Ephesians 3:14-21	Rooted and Grounded in Love
Fri:	2 Peter 1:3-11	His Divine Power for Life
Sat:	Galatians 5:16-25	The Fruit of the Spirit