

# WEEK 2 PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK — FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – April 15, 2026

**Theme: Leaves vs. Fruit — When God Comes Looking**

**Scriptures: Isaiah 5:1–7; Mark 11:12–14**

**Key Idea:** God isn't just looking for appearance—He's looking for spiritual fruit.

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### 1) Welcome Beloved saints of God

**Tonight's goal:**

To honestly examine whether my life is producing the kind of fruit God desires—and what might be blocking it.

**Opening Prompt (write 1–2 sentences):**

When I hear the phrase “bearing fruit,” I usually think it means:

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### 2) Scripture Reading Notes

#### A) Isaiah 5:1–7 — The Vineyard Song

As you read, underline or note:

- What God **did** for the vineyard
- What God **expected**
- What God **found** instead
- What God says He will do next

**Key Observations (fill in):**

1. The vineyard had every advantage because God...

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2. God expected \_\_\_\_\_, but He found \_\_\_\_\_.

3. The vineyard represents:

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4. The “fruit” God wanted looked like:

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

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**B) Mark 11:12–14 The Fig Tree**

As you read, note the contrast between:

- **Leaves** (appearance)
- **Fruit** (evidence)

**Key Observations (fill in):**

1. Jesus approached the tree because it looked like it had:

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2. Jesus did not find:

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3. The warning I hear in this passage is:

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**3) Dig Deeper (Group Discussion)**

- 1. In Isaiah 5, what makes the vineyard’s failure so serious?

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- 2. What do “leaves with no fruit” look like in real life today?  
(Examples: habits, attitudes, church life, character, speech)

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**3) Dig Deeper (Group Discussion) Continued**

- 3. What do you think Jesus is confronting in Mark 11?  
(Be honest: what does it challenge in you?)

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- 4. Compare the “fruit” God expects with the Fruit of the Spirit.  
Which fruit(s) feel most connected to tonight’s warning? Why?

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**4) Self-Examination (Private Reflection)**

**A) Leaves vs. Fruit Check**

Circle the one that's most true **this week**:

**Mostly fruit / Mixed / Mostly leaves / Unsure**

**What makes you say that?**

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**B) Inventory (rate 1-5)**

(1 = rarely true, 5 = consistently true)

- I show love in inconvenient moments. **1 2 3 4 5**
- I respond with patience when provoked. **1 2 3 4 5**
- My words build others up. **1 2 3 4 5**
- I practice self-control with my time, attention, and desires. **1 2 3 4 5**
- I pursue righteousness when no one is watching. **1 2 3 4 5**

**Which one reveals the biggest gap right now?**

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**C) Root-Level Questions (write honestly)**

1. If God inspected my "vineyard" this week, what fruit might be missing?

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2. What might be choking fruit in my life right now?  
(Examples: distraction, bitterness, fear, compromise, comfort, pride)

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3. Where have I mistaken spiritual activity for spiritual fruit?

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**5) Application (This Week's Practice)**

**One Fruit Focus (Choose One)**

Circle one fruit of the Spirit to intentionally practice this week:

**Love / Joy / Peace / Patience / Kindness / Goodness / Faithfulness / Gentleness / Self-control**

**My one-sentence plan:**

This week I will practice \_\_\_\_\_ by

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**My "fruit check" moment will be (choose one):**

- Morning routine
- Work/school interactions
- Family time
- Conflict moments
- Social media/phone habits
- Evening reflection

**6) Memory + Meditation (Optional)**

Verse/phrase: \_\_\_\_\_

Why it stands out:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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**7) Closing Prayer (Write Your Own)**

“Lord, I don’t want to look spiritually alive without producing fruit.

Help me surrender \_\_\_\_\_ and grow \_\_\_\_\_.

Teach me to live from Your Spirit, not appearances. Amen.”