



The Art of Formation Discussion Guide

Wk. 9 Discussion:

Begin with prayer

5 min

Check In

30-35 min

Greet one another and move into the check in time. Continue to practice grace and patience as you move through the prompts.

- Fruit: what has been bringing you joy lately?
- Thorn: what have you been struggling with lately?
- Vine: how have you seen or been connecting with God lately?
- Bud: what are you looking forward to?

Discuss this week's practice

20-25 min

- Name the people who have shaped your life the most.
- Describe the events that have shaped your life the most.
- What lessons did you learn from each of these?

Open your bibles together

25-30 min

- Read Proverbs 17:17 & 1 Corinthians 15:33
- We've considered how our loved ones can have a positive/negative impact on us. But we are also characters in their stories. How have you had a positive influence on the ones you love? How have you had a negative influence on them?
- Read Jeremiah 9:13-14
- Israel was called to pass down God's law, but they had a bad habit of passing down unhealthy practices as well. What message is your life passing down now? How would your legacy shape people for the sake of the Gospel, and how would it not?
- Read Matt. 5:44-45 1 & James 5:16
- We've all been influenced by our families and been guilty of continuing sins of our pasts. Let's spend some time praying for forgiveness for ourselves and our families.



Prayer for forgiveness for one another

10 min

- Encourage the person who's assigned over prayer request to get them at this time

Talk about the coming week's practice

5 min

Encourage everyone to keep up with the practice throughout the week and look for fruits, thorns, vines, and buds.