



## Flourish Part 1

Sermon Small Group Questions  
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### USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. So knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

### SCRIPTURE REFERENCE / SERMON POINTS

Flourish-

1. To thrive; to be successful; prosper. To exceed and have in abundance.
2. To be in its or in one's prime; a state of excellence & influence.

[Psalm 92:12-13 (NIV)]

*The righteous **will flourish**, they will grow....planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age; they will stay fresh and green.*

[Psalm 1:2-3]

*But they delight in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night. They are like trees planted along the riverbank, bearing fruit each season. Their leaves never wither, and they prosper in all they do.*

1. Understand & be convinced that God's desire for you is that you flourish

[Ephesians 4.14-16 (MSG)]

**God wants us to grow up**, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything. We take our lead from Christ, who is the source of everything we do. He keeps us in step with each other. His very breath and blood flow through us, nourishing us so that the whole body is **healthy and growing and full of love**.

2. Recognize that everyone has been given seed (*Potential to flourish*)

[Romans 12:6 (NLV)]

*We all have different gifts that God has given to us by His loving-favor. We are to use them.*

[1 Peter 4:10]

*God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.*

3. Choose wisely the environments that you invest your life into: “*Can I flourish here?*”

4. Flourishing requires planting! (*Intentionally plant the seeds of your potential*)

[Colossians 2:7]

*Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will **overflow** (flourish) with thankfulness.*

[Psalm 92:12 (NIV)]

*The righteous will flourish....**planted in the house** of the LORD, they will flourish*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. What are some areas in your life (Spirit, Soul, Mind, Body) that are healthy? What might be some areas that could use some attention to produce more health?**
- 2. Have you identified the "seed" (your potential in the Body of Christ) that God has entrusted with you? What can you begin to do this year to see fruit from that seed?**
- 3. Can you flourish in your current environment? What have you planted yourself in, sand and rock or life giving soil? Have you seen any fruit there?**
- 4. Have you planted yourself into the Body of Christ? Where? (Just attending isn't being planted)**
- 5. If you haven't planted your potential into the Body of Christ yet where can you plant yourself?**