



ICEBREAKER

- If you have ever had to prune anything out in the garden, flower beds, yard, etc. tell the group what's the best part about pruning? Is there a best part!? And what's the worst?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do you feel or (better yet) how would you respond to this statement: "Everything will simply fall into place when you begin to follow Jesus!"?
2. Read Jesus' words in John 15:11. How would you define complete joy?
3. Jeremy said, "Jesus doesn't want you to be happy. He wants you to find joy!" Does something inside you push back a bit about this first part of that statement? Why?
4. Talk about a time in your life when you underestimated the power of prayer.
 - What did you learn from it?
 - Were you able to take a next step of faith because of it?
5. In John 15:13, Jesus says that there is no greater love than one who will lay down one's life for friends. He defined the way we are to love others. Is there an opportunity this coming week for you to love other in a redefining way? How can we as a group pray for you as that opportunity approaches?

NEXT STEPS & PRAYER REQUESTS

- Grab a bookmark and/or journal for reading John's gospel.
- Remember that Jesus wants you to have complete joy and it comes through obedience.