



The Art of Formation Discussion Guide

Wk. 10 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?

Open your bibles together

10-15 min

- Read Romans 8:14-17
- How do these verses speak to your journey over the past few weeks? How is being shaped in God's family similar/different than being shaped by our earthly families?

Confession & Prayer

30-35 min

- What relational patterns, scripts, traditions, values, and blessings do you want to stop, start, or continue to live out and pass down to the next generation?
 - *Everyone should have already had time to think about this in last week's exercise. We're just giving everyone space to clarify what they will be sharing.*

Take a moment to anoint everyone's head with oil and read the following text and prompts. Allow a moment for everyone to confess the underlined statements. Be sure to say 'Amen' at the conclusion of each prompt, as this is a moment of collective prayer to God.

For the things we want to STOP:

- Read 2 Corinthians 5:17
- We accept the redemption of Christ and die to the things of old.



- "I lay down _____ at the foot of the cross. _____ will not continue in my life/family through me, in Jesus name."

For the things we want to CONTINUE:

- Read Psalm 78:2-4
- We acknowledge that God has been at work in our lives/families.
 - "I will testify about the goodness of God in my life/family. I will pass down the legacy of _____ to the next generation."

For the things we want to START:

- Read Isaiah 43:18-19
- We believe that God is doing a new work in our hearts, in our families, and in our world.
 - "From this moment on, I commit to _____ for the glory of Christ in my life/family."

Pray for what everyone shared

5 min

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

Fellowship