



YEAR OF GROWTH TEACHING ARC
Mini-series Bearing Fruit in every season
(27 May to 24 June 2018)

General Guidance for Small Community Leaders & Church Family Members –

This series involves members of our church family giving extended testimony to the way God is enabling them to bear fruit in the seasons of life in which they find themselves.

We've deliberately chosen a variety, to illustrate the reality of 'seasons' in our lives

- Some (like moving to be near the grandchildren) arise naturally
- Others (such as facing illness) come unexpectedly
- Some are welcome seasons
- Others are not

But the point is that God calls us and enables us to bear fruit in EVERY season of life, whether natural or unexpected, welcome or not.

You can watch an introductory video and listen to the session as usual on the resources page on our website: www.ccweb.org.uk/yog

We are inviting all small communities to use this series to encourage each member to reflect on the season of life they are in at the moment, and how God is calling and enabling them to bear fruit. We hope that everyone will have the chance to share testimony – and be prayed for – in the safety of their small community.

General Questions for the series:

- What season of life are you in?
- In what areas of life is God getting your attention – and how?
- How is God calling and enabling you to bear fruit in the season you're in?

If you're not yet in a small community, please do contact Neil (Neil.Shepherd@ccweb.org.uk) – you may want to gather with others informally to share testimony.

On 22 July at both the 10 and the 5 we will be having broader testimony-based input, under the heading 'Harvest Festival', as we seek to 'harvest' the good stories of all that the Lord has been doing in our lives over this 'Year of Growth.' We would be really grateful if you could send us a 30-second taster of your testimony recorded on your phone or other device, by 6th July. You can send them to us at: stories@ccweb.org.uk

You can find specific questions posed by those giving testimony below.

Gathering & Date – 10 & 5, 27 may 2018

Title – Four Seasons

Speaker(s) – Derek & Sue Hadden

Reading –

⁴Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. ⁵Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Saviour, and my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

³The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.⁴When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow

him because they know his voice. John 10:3-4

¹³ But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. John 16:13

Main message of this talk in one sentence – Growing in Growth, Understanding God’s Guidance, Knowing and Trusting the Holy Spirit

Questions –

What season are you in now?

How does God guide you in the little things as well as the big things of life?

Do you let God guide you in the decisions you face?

What happens when you decide to go your own way?

How do you know it’s really God leading you? (In other words, how have you learnt to recognise the Shepherd’s Voice?)

How important is the Holy Spirit in your decision-making?

Tell your Small Community members (or other Christian friends) about a time when you knew God was going before you and leading you.