



**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](http://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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup> July. You can send them to us at: [stories@ccweb.org.uk](mailto:stories@ccweb.org.uk)

You can find specific questions relating to this week's testimony below.

**Gathering & Date** – the 5, 3 June 2018

**Title** – Security in Christ

**Speaker(s)** – Chris & Esther Brown

**Reading** – 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup> pray continually, <sup>18</sup> give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. <sup>19</sup> Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Do not treat prophecies with contempt <sup>21</sup> but test them all; hold on to what is good, <sup>22</sup> reject every kind of evil. <sup>23</sup> May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup> The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

**Main message of this testimony in one sentence** – Security in Christ is incomparably greater than any security the world offers.

**Questions –**

In whom / what is your security?

How do you feel about letting go of worldly security to follow God's call?

What is God asking of you in this season?

What is one specific action you can take to follow God's call in this season?

If you feel able to, share your sense of God's call for this season with others in your group and receive prayer.

Who are the specific people who can walk alongside you as you follow God's call on your life?