

New Wineskins

N3 Fruitless Churches

This is a training in the N-Path: New Wineskins Training.

Motto: **Love one another – Go and make disciples**

Luke 13:6-9 The Figtree in the Vineyard

Note: a fig tree is a very large tree, with big leaves that block out the sun. A vine is a low-growing plant that is cut back every year.

Luke 13:6-9 Jesus said “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’ “ ‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’ ”

What good news is in this story?

John 15:5,1-2 I am the vine, you are the branches

John 15:5,1-2 Jesus said “I am the vine, you are the branches and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes a so that it will be even more fruitful.”

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Conclusion

Where was the fig tree growing?

Why was the owner not happy?

Why couldn't the tree be left standing?

Why do you think the owner had allowed the fig tree to grow in the first place?

What does the vineyard symbolise?

What do you think the fig tree might symbolise? (Traditional-style church?)

What areas of your ministry are not bearing much disciple-making fruit?

Will you stop putting time and resources into fruitless ministries?

Will you clear space for multiplying disciples ministry?

What exactly are you going to do?

Will you go through these stories in your GG?