

–We are **ALL KINDS** of people **DISCOVERING & FOLLOWING JESUS** –

THE ANALOGY

Jeremiah 17:5–10

STUNTED SHRUBS

Jeremiah 17:6 / Philippians 2:3–4 / James 3:16 / Ephesians 4:14

THRIVING TREES

Jeremiah 17:8 / Colossians 2:6–7 / Ephesians 3:14–20 / Mark 4:20

DEEP ROOTS?

Jeremiah 17:9 / Romans 2:7–8 / Romans 7:5–6 / 1 Peter 1:7

Question: _____ ?

INTERSECT

(ĭn'ter-sĕkt') –To cut across; to overlap each other

*That's the goal of the word of God: to cut across and overlap into our everyday lives. These questions will help us: **DISCUSS** God's word, **DECIDE** in faith how to respond to his truth, and **DO** in love what he has called us to do.*

REWIND

❶ Let's look back to the potter's house. Were there any lessons you learned from that great analogy that you were able to apply over this past week?

DISCUSS

❷ Reflect back on this weekend's service. How were you challenged or encouraged by what you heard or saw? Do you have any lingering questions regarding the message?

This weekend compared the differences between living like a stunted shrub and a thriving tree. On the line below, mark the spot where you think or feel you are planted right now.

SHRUB ----- TREE

Now write 1-2 specific reasons for why you placed yourself on that spot.

❸ We are all going to face trials and difficulties in this life. Read the following passages that shed light on how we are to respond when they come.

Psalms 77

James 1:2–4

1 Peter 1:3–8

In light of what you just read, how are you to respond or react to the trials or troubles that come your way? How do the responses we see in the scripture differ from the responses we see in the world?

DECIDE & DO

❹ What are 1–2 steps you can take to either prepare yourself for a future trial or grow deeper roots during a current trial?

Of all the verses and passages we looked at or read this week, which do you think is most important for you to remember and hold on to? Why?