

When Less is More

New Endings: Making Way for What's Next

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Discussion Questions:

1. Pastor Sean shared a story about pruning a rose bush, how it can be ugly, but it ultimately leads to greater growth and fruitfulness. In your own life, what is an area where you've experienced the "pain" of pruning? Was it a relationship, habit, goal, or something else? How did it lead to growth or new opportunities?
2. The sermon highlighted three types of branches that God prunes: good but blocking best, sick and hopeless, and dead and in the way. Reflecting on your current life, are there any areas that fit into these categories? How can you discern what needs to be pruned in your own life?
3. Read John 15:1-2 & 5. We often fear that pruning will lead to less, but the sermon argues that pruning actually leads to more of what matters. What are some things you're currently afraid to prune? How could you reframe this process as a step toward greater fruitfulness?
4. Take a moment to reflect on Proverbs 3:11–12. Have you ever experienced a moment where you felt God's pruning as discipline, but later realized it was an act of love? How does this understanding change the way you view challenges or difficulties in your life? How has God used this to stretch or grow your faith?

Recommended Resource: [Necessary Endings by Dr. Henry Cloud](#)