

VINEWORKING: CONNECTING HEARTS TO JESUS

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Imagine life as a big garden, full of dreams growing like vines on a strong trellis. In the book that our leadership team is currently exploring, “The Trellis and the Vine” by Colin Marshall and Tony Payne, it shows us a special way to understand and care for the vines. This is called **vineworking**. It’s not just ideas; it’s a real plan to help us see how important it is to connect with people and show them the path to Jesus.

Think about a trellis. It’s like a strong frame that holds up the vines and helps them grow. In life, we need something like a trellis, too—things that keep us strong and steady, like values and beliefs. This is where **vineworking** begins. We use this framework to build a life that makes sense and has meaning. Just as a trellis helps vines climb up, our values help us grow in the right direction.

Vinework is the faithful preaching and teaching of God’s word in the power of the Spirit that will allow people to be converted, changed, and given the opportunity to grow in spiritual maturity for the glory of God.

Imagine a friend who feels lost

and confused. **Vineworking** means we don’t just watch from afar. Instead, we get involved, like a gardener taking care of a special vine. We listen, care for, and share biblical counsel and advice. This is when we really see the power of **vineworking**.

Vineworking also means getting rid of things that stop us from growing. It’s like a gardener trimming away extra leaves so the vine can be healthy. We do the same by saying goodbye to negative thoughts and things that waste our time. This is important to help the good things in our lives grow strong, just like a beautiful garden.

But the heart of **vineworking** is about keeping on even when it’s hard. Just like a vine takes time to become strong, our relationships and faith need patience. We show care and kindness every day, and this helps good things grow, making our lives richer and happier.

A wise gardener spends lots of time with the vines, learning how they grow and helping them get stronger. We can do the same by understanding our lives and relationships.

This is when we see the amazing beauty of our journey.

The key to **vineworking** is helping others find Jesus. Just like a gardener helps vines bear fruit, we can help people know about Jesus. He is the most important vine of all. We use our actions and words to show and share the way to Jesus, helping people find meaning and hope.

Imagine a friend who’s in search of something more in life. **Vineworking** gives us the power to be there for them and connect them to Jesus, the best vine of all. We become like a bridge that connects their hearts to Jesus, giving them a reason to smile and hope.

Vineworking is leading others to Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit so they can grow to spiritual maturity. It is a way to show and share with people the love and gospel of Jesus.

My prayer is that as multiplying disciples and co-laborers in God’s vineyard, we would wholeheartedly embrace **vineworking**, connecting hearts to Jesus all for the glory of God. ✨