

GROUND RULES

BE THE RIGHT PERSON // DANNY ANDERSON

How do you find the right person?

How do I fix it?

GROUND RULE #1:

Be the right person.

“A tree is identified by its **fruit**. If a tree is good, its **fruit** will be good. If a tree is bad, its **fruit** will be bad... For whatever is in your heart determines what you say. A **good** person produces **good** things from the treasury of a **good** heart, and an **evil** person produces **evil** things from the treasury of an **evil** heart.” *Matthew 12:33, 35*

1. You will only look for people at your level of growth.

Your personal internal growth becomes your filter.

“People who are positive, open, secure, giving, caring and kind to themselves and others are not attracted to people who are closed, negative and needs of approval and attention.” — Margaret Paul

2. People at your level of growth will look for you.

You can't fix anyone.

“Spiritual growth is the process of being conformed to the image of Jesus for the sake others.” — Dr. M. Robert Mulholland Jr.

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of **fruit** in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. *Galatians 5:22-23*

Then, even if some refuse to obey the Good News, your godly lives will speak to them without any words. They will be **won** over by observing your pure and reverent lives. *1 Peter 3:1-2*

How do I become the right person?

“**Remain** in me, and I will **remain** in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who **remain** in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.” *John 15:5*

Remain in Jesus.

To further explore and apply this message with your small group, visit eclife.org/groups to access this week's group discussion questions.

EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Full list of events and registration is available at eclife.org's EVENTS page

Outreach Opportunity

Did you know that each Emmanuel Church campus provides items for a local community partner? You can help meet practical needs in the community by picking up a bag at the exit when you leave, filling it with the listed items, and bringing it back the following week.

Family Rocks

A Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon style event focused on encouraging healthy dynamics for all types of families. Family Rocks will be a night of fun, laughter, entertainment, along with practical and relevant information on how to thrive as a family. Featuring special guest comedian Daren Streblov.

When: Friday, February 21, 6:30pm* – 8:30pm

*Childcare opens at 6:00pm (Ages 0 to 6th-grade)

Father & Son Adventure

Calling all dads and their sons! We're attending an Emmanuel service together and then heading to Bankers Life Stadium to see the Indiana Pacers take on the Cleveland Cavaliers. Invite a father and son, who don't attend a church, they can attend for free!

When: Saturday, March 21, 3:30pm

For: Fathers (and father figures) and sons (up to 12th-grade)

Visit eclife.org for more details and to sign up.