

“The Joys of Bearing Fruit For God” 10/22/17

John 15:1-11

Sermon Series- “Essential Jesus: The Man, the Mission, the Message”

The Big Idea- Our relationship with Jesus should be very personal and evidenced by bearing fruit. God, the Father, is always working in our lives through cultivation and pruning. Our fruit bearing should include answered prayer, obedience, and joy.

MATT 3:7-10- BACK GROUND JOHN 13:10-11 – Judas is unclean and cast out

LESSON 1- We should understand the PREPARATION of fruit bearing

- A. It’s important to remember that God is always preparing us to bear FRUIT (Isaiah 5; Matthew 15:13; Romans 11:17; 1 Corinthians 3:9; Romans 8:29)
- B. God prunes us through the WORD of God (Ephesians 5:26; John 17:17; Psalm 119:11; Psalm 119:105; Heb 4:12-13)
- C. If we are to bear fruit, we must concern ourselves with ABIDING (John 6:56; 1 John 2:6)

Going Deeper God wants us to submit to His loving and pruning care!

LESSON 2- We should understand the PROVENANCE of fruit bearing

- A. Without an abiding relationship with Jesus we produce NOTHING (1 Corinthians 3:6-7; Colossians 2:19; John 14:16, 26; 15:26; 16:7)
- B. False branches who aren’t connected to the vine are CAST OUT (cf. John 6:37; Titus 1:16; 1 John 2:19; Matt 3:7-10; John 13:10-11)
- C. As we abide in Him and His Word, He will answer our PRAYERS (Isaiah 59:2; 1 John 5:14-15; Matthew 6:33; Live the Word- Matt 4:4)

Going Deeper God wants us to evaluate our fruit bearing and connection to the vine!

LESSON 3- We should understand the PURPOSE of fruit bearing

- A. We will show ourselves as disciples when we glorify the FATHER (Matt 5:16; 1 Peter 2:12; Galatians 5:22-23; Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18)
- B. We will show ourselves as disciples through obedience and JOY (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3; John 17:13; Philippians 4:4)

Going Deeper God wants us to be characterized by obedience and Joy!