



"The Fruitfulness Connection"

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HSDAC Mission: To develop fully committed followers of Christ

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Sermon Notes
for John 15:7, 8, 16**

1. What if the purpose of my friendship with Jesus is more about experiencing a grand and challenging adventure than a safe and comfortable life?
2. Key words in John 15
The word abide appears _____ times in this passage.
The words fruit or fruitful appear _____ times.
3. John 15:7, 8, 16
4. **Key Insight:** As deeply satisfying and meaningful as it is to abide in Jesus and He in us, the _____ for the Vine/branch connection is to bear fruit. A fruitless disciple is a contradiction of terms.
5. What does it mean to be a fruitful disciple?
6. **Purpose #1** of a fruitful disciple: In the gospel commission Jesus commands us to go and make disciples of all nations. In vineyard terms we're to assist separated branches (potential disciples) in becoming _____, fruitful branches of the Vine. More branches equals more fruit and more glory for God.
7. **Purpose #2** of a fruitful disciple: Our lives are to bear Christ-like _____ of character. An example of this fruit is the self-sacrificing love of Jesus described in John 15:12.
9. Galatians 5:16-21 – Fruit of the sinful nature
10. Galatians 5:22, 23 – Fruit of the Holy Spirit Nature
11. Personal Reflections (additional space on the back):
 - A. What fruit of my sinful nature is the Holy Spirit wanting to prune away so that there will be more room for the fruit of the Spirit in my relationships with family members, work colleagues, class mates, etc.? (Galatians 5:19-21)
 - B. As I abide in Jesus throughout the day, what characteristic(s) of the fruit of the Spirit do I need to ask His help in growing so that I can be more like Him in my relationships with others? (Galatians 5:22, 23)
 - C. Who is Jesus calling you to pray for? _____
Ask God to impress your mind with the next step or steps you can take in supporting this person's connection with and growth in Jesus, the Vine.