



To Bear His *Fruit*

JOHN 15:1-11

JESUS = *Vine*
DISCIPLES = *Branches*
THE FATHER = *Gardener*
"By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples." v. 8

I. To bear Jesus' fruit we must be _____ to Him.

"Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me." vv. 3-4

II. To bear Jesus' fruit we will be _____ by Him.

"Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit." v. 2

III. To bear Jesus' fruit we need to _____ in Him.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." v. 5

Abide in Christ to Bear His Fruit

Cling to Christ's unconditional love as _____ for your life.

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love." v. 9

Persevere through the pain of pruning by _____ what you know.

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love." v. 10

Find Jesus' joy, knowing God can _____ pain.

"These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." v. 11



DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. What gives you joy?

2. Read John 15:1-11. Before verse 11, Jesus mentions the word joy once, but afterward He uses it seven times. Paul writes, Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross ... (Heb 12:2). What was the joy that awaited Jesus after He endured the cross, and what does it reveal about our Savior?

3. We often think of ourselves as a "little vine" instead of a branch of the True Vine. How does this mindset take away our joy? What does Jesus tell us to do instead?

FOR THIS WEEK
Journaling in John 15:I-II
Last week's Scripture memorized JOHN 14:16
"And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever ..."

4. Author J. C. Ryle writes, "Never, hardly, do we find an eminent saint, either in the Old Testament or the New, who was not purified by suffering, and, like His Master, a 'man of sorrows.' Let us learn to be patient in the days of darkness, if we know anything of vital union with Christ. Let us remember the doctrine of the passage before us, and not murmur and complain because of trials. Our trials are not meant to do us harm, but good. God chastens us 'for our profit, that we may be partakers of His holiness' (Heb 12:10)." How is God teaching you patience in trials, and how has this passage of John encouraged you as you persevere?

5. Would you say that you welcome the Lord's pruning in your life? Why or why not? How does one welcome or allow pruning? How does obedience to the Lord play a part?

JOURNAL John 15:1-11

Jesus said in verse 9, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

Below are verses that speak of the love between the Father and the Son. Read them and take some time to reflect on this love and marvel at how Jesus loves you the same way.

- Matthew 12:18
Matthew 3:17
Matthew 17:5
Mark 1:11
Mark 9:7
Mark 12:6
Luke 3:22
Luke 20:13
John 3:35
John 5:20
John 17:24
John 10:17
John 17:26
John 17:23
John 15:10
John 14:31
Ephesians 1:6

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit www.ccbcfamily.org/events. That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

PICK UP OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BOXES TODAY. Let's spread the joy of Jesus to children around the world this year! Operation Christmas Child is a ministry that sends Christmas gifts and the gospel message to children in need around the world every year — and you can help by filling a few boxes yourself this November. Stop by the table in the Great Room or Atrium today to pick up boxes and learn more. Directions with everything you need to know are included with each box. The final day to return boxes is Sunday, Nov. 21.

SIGN UP FOR "WHEREVER YOU GO" THIS WEEK. As part of our Be One, Make One, Reach One ministry vision, we're excited to bring more evangelism training to you this year! "Wherever You Go" is a chance to learn more about sharing the gospel with clarity and kindness from EvanTell. At the interactive event they'll help you feel more prepared to have faith conversations and share your own story wherever you go. Happening Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to noon in the Oak Room, you can sign up now at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

THINKING ABOUT SERVING IN CHILDREN'S MINISTRY? LEARN MORE AT NEXT GEN EXPERIENCE. If you've considered serving but wish you had a better idea of what to expect, this is a great opportunity to find out. Next Gen Experience is a chance to tour Children's Ministry, find out what our kids are learning, how leaders help and where you'll fit as part of the team. Happening on Sunday, Nov. 14, you can sign up now at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS MEETS SATURDAY, NOV. 20. When you're grieving a loved one's death, the "best time of the year" can actually be quite painful and challenging. With parties, traditions and family gatherings, it's not unusual to wish you could skip over the whole season — that's why we want to help you gain wisdom and practical advice for navigating Thanksgiving and Christmas. At Surviving the Holidays we'll talk about what to do with favorite traditions, how to handle big emotions that sometimes come out of nowhere and where to look for hope. Learn more about the event and register at www.ccbcfamily.org/events.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS NEXT WEEKEND. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour next weekend. We'll see you after an extra hour of sleep on Sunday!

LOVE TAKING PHOTOS? We're looking for volunteers for occasional photography assignments that capture Christ Chapel events and people. Email Elise at EliseK@christchapelbc.org to learn more.

LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT CARD? Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR PHONE. The process is quick and easy—just text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.