



March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
*True Disciples Bear Fruit*  
John 15:7-11

1. Have you ever felt pressure to “prove yourself” spiritually or to earn God’s approval? How does this passage challenge that mindset? How does remembering that fruit comes from God’s power, not our achievement, change the way you approach the Christian life?
2. Look at vs. 8 - What is the goal of the Christian life? How does God make sure that we achieve this goal?
3. If someone is abiding in Christ and the word of Christ is abiding in them, how does that change the way they pray? How does that change what they pray for?

*“Your Father wants to answer prayer. If you are abiding in Christ, and if His Word abides in you, then you will pray in His will and He will answer. ‘This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us’ (1 John 5:14). It has well been said that prayer is not getting man’s will done in heaven, but getting God’s will done on earth. It is not overcoming God’s reluctance but laying hold of God’s willingness.” - Warren Wiersbe*

4. How does the love between the Father and the Son help us understand Jesus’ love for believers? (see vs. 9) How does that help you “abide in His love”?
5. How is obedience connected to abiding in His love? How does looking at the pattern of the life of Jesus help us in our obedience? (vs. 10)

6. Read John 15:11, along with Psalm 16:11, Zephaniah 3:17, Hebrews 12:2, and 1 Peter 1:8-9. How is the joy of Jesus connected to our joy? How have you experienced deeper joy when walking closely with Christ?