

Text: John 15:1-11

Topics: Fruit, Obedience, Relationship with Christ

Series: God's Church Here ~ Our Vision

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## Telling Christ, or Joining Christ?

### I. The Necessity of Abiding (1-4)

God works for the fruit in every believer that comes only from abiding in Christ.

Our vision: Be joined to Christ to build families that build His family.

### II. The Promise to the Abiding (5-7)

Jesus assured those who abide in Him that God will help them to bear fruit.

### III. The Outcome of Abiding (8-11)

Bearing fruit to glorify God is the joy of abiding in Christ.

Glorify God by Joining Christ > Building Families > Transforming Communities

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

Warm up: Give an example of a fruit God brought about through you.

1. Read John 15:1-4. What do the vine, vinedresser, branches, and fruit represent in Jesus' metaphor?

God's actions are described with the words - taking away (or cutting off), pruning, and cleaning. What do they represent?

What do the words, "abide (or remain) in Me," communicate? Describe your "abiding."

2. In John 15:5-7 Jesus repeats that He is the vine and abiding in Him is required for fruit-bearing. What does He say happens to those who don't abide in Him?

What promise does Jesus make to those who do bear fruit? What condition does He give for this promise, and how would it affect requests?

Does this cause you to consider readjusting your prayer requests? Explain and give examples.

3. Read John 15:8-11. What does it mean for God to be glorified and what brings it about?

What does it mean to abide in the love of Jesus and how does one do it?

How would you explain the joy Jesus speaks of?

4. What is one takeaway from this study that you believe God wants you to put into practice?