

### Fruitful

A study from John 15





### Worship Guide

- Follow along
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"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

<sup>2</sup>"Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>"You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.

<sup>4</sup>"Abide in Me, and I in you.

As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup>"If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.

<sup>9</sup>"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>"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. <sup>11</sup>"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."

### Fruitfulness Defined

External results of inward realities produced by and reflective of Jesus

### We were created, called, and appointed to be fruitful.

"I am the vine, you are the branches; the one who remains in Me, and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

### Jesus is the Vine; we are the branches.

"Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me."

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## An abiding relationship with Jesus is the only pathway to fruitfulness.

### Three Connecting Points for Abiding: Identity

"Abide in Me, **and** I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me."

"Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

"If Christ is **in you**, though your body is dead because of sin, the spirit is alive because of righteousness."

I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who **lives in me**;

### That Christ may **make His home in your hearts** through faith, that you, being rooted and grounded in love

...even so consider yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God **in Christ** Jesus.

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life **in Christ Jesus** our Lord.

Therefore if anyone is **in Christ**, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God,

which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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### **Three Connecting Points** for Abiding: Identity Word

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

For the word of God is living and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, even penetrating as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. But He answered and said, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes out of the mouth of God.". Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me, yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.

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### **Three Connecting Points** for Abiding: Identity Word Obedience

"Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. 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."

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments."



### Obeying is abiding



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"Obey the Spirit promptly"



### The Results of Abiding

### Powerful & Effective Prayer

If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

### **John 15:7**



### The Results of Abiding God is glorified

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples."

### **John 15:8**



### The Results of Abiding Maximum joy

"These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full."

### John 15:11



### Three Connecting Points for Abiding: Identity Word Obedience

Where do you need to connect to Jesus?