

Bearing Fruit That Lasts

I. Fruitfulness Begins With the _____.

II. _____ Is Part of Fruitfulness.

III. Abiding Is the _____:

IV. _____ Glorifies God.

V. What This Means for ____.

NOTES: _____

Group Questions

1. When you hear the word fruitful in your spiritual life, what emotions come up most often—hope, pressure, guilt, joy, exhaustion? Why do you think that is?
2. Observing the text in [John 15:1–8](#), what roles do you see Jesus assigning to:
 - The Father
 - Himself
 - the branches (us)? How does this challenge the way we usually think about growth?
3. The sermon said, “We often try to produce fruit to stay connected, instead of staying connected to produce fruit.” Where do you see that reversal show up in your own life?
4. Jesus says fruitful branches are pruned. Why do you think God prunes what is already producing fruit? How does that reshape the way we interpret hardship or loss?
5. Is there something in your life right now that might be God’s pruning—something removed, reduced, or disrupted? How might God be using it for deeper fruitfulness rather than punishment?
6. When Jesus says, “Abide in me,” what do you think that looks like in ordinary, everyday life—not ideal life, but real life?
7. Jesus’ words here are strong. What do you think He means by nothing? Where have you experienced activity without spiritual life or peace?
8. The sermon described fruit as transformed character, gospel witness, and multiplying disciples. Which of those feels most visible in your life right now? Which feels hardest?
9. As a small group, how can we help one another abide, not just stay busy? What rhythms or habits could help us stay connected to Christ together?
10. As the church prepares for a call to commitment in evangelism and discipleship, how does this passage change the way we should commit? What would it look like to commit from grace rather than guilt?