

We are FBC: Fruitful Because of Christ

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Key Truth:

We rejoice in our Identity since we are Fruitful Because of Christ.

Using **Viticulture** (the process of cultivating vineyards and producing grapes) as a model, Jesus teaches about finding vitality in life as a disciple of Jesus Christ. A fruitful, vibrant Christian life glorifies our heavenly Father. It also increases our Joy. Here, it is important to remember that Jesus is the vine, the Father is the vinedresser, and we are merely the branches.

DISCUSS

Read **John 15:1-11** and discuss with the group a statement or concept that stood out to you or impacted you in the sermon on being **Fruitful Because of Christ**:

DIG IN

1. A Fruitful Christian Life is a Godly, Spirit-Filled, Evangelistic Life.

READ: Philippians 1:1; Hebrews 12:11; Galatians 5:22; and John 15:16

In what ways have you had success in these areas of fruitfulness?

In what ways have you struggled?

In John 15:5 Jesus reminds his disciples that “**apart from me you can do nothing.**” How have you seen this to be true in your life?

2. **Fruitfulness is Organic (v. 1), Painful (v. 2), Gradual (v. 4), Expected (v. 6), and God-Glorifying (v. 8).**

Which of these characteristics do you find most challenging? Why?

In what ways do these characteristics encourage you to **Abide** in Christ?

3. **Fruitfulness comes by Abiding in Christ through God’s Word, Prayer, and Loving Obedience.**

READ: John 15:9-10 and Galatians 5:13

Why are loving obedience and good works essential to **Abiding** in Christ?

DO

Knowing that we are **Forgiven, Free, Faithful, and Fruitful** Because of Christ, what is one thing you plan to do differently this week in light of these truths?