

"Abiding in the Vine" (John 15:1-8)

I. **The Ministry of Jesus Christ**

- A. Jesus the **Good Shepherd**
- B. Jesus Ministering in **Judea**
- C. Jesus returns to the **Temple**
- D. Jesus' **Passion Week** in Jerusalem

1. **The UPPER ROOM DISCOURSE**

- A. Jesus Washed the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-17)
- B. Jesus Exposes the Betrayer (John 13:18-30)
- C. Jesus Gives a New Commandment (John 13:31-38)
- D. Jesus Comforts His Disciples (John 14)
- E. Jesus Teaches on Abiding (John 15)

1. **The Context of John 15:**

- a. Verses 1-11 instruct us about the believer's relationship with _____, and the key term is _____. (15:1-8)
- b. Verses 12-17 instruct us about the believer's relationship with other _____, and the key term is _____. (15:9-17)
- c. Verses 18-27 instruct us about the believer's relationship with the _____ and the key terms are _____ (which is how the world responds to Christ and you) and _____ (which is how you are to respond to the world). (15:18-27)
- d. This passage sets forth the purpose for which you have been left on earth which is _____

2. **The Concept of Fruit Bearing:** (v 1-3)

- a. Jesus calls Himself " _____ "
- * True
- b. The Father is referred to as the " _____ "

* What does this remind us of Jesus' relationship with His Father?

c. Believers in Christ are referred to as the "_____"

d. These believers are described as being "_____"

e. The **Actions** of the Father:

1. Branches that do not bear fruit, He "_____"

2. Branches that are bearing fruit, He "_____ " so that they bear more fruit

3. All Branches in Christ are _____ cleansed at salvation (13:10)

3. The Course of Fruit Bearing (v 4-8)

1. As a branch in Christ's vine, you are commanded to _____ in Him

* Abide

2. If we choose not to abide in Christ, we _____ from the source of life in the vine and the result is _____

3. If we choose to abide in Christ, we are to allow _____ and the utilization of _____ to allow Christ to effectively produce _____ through us.

* What does this result in?

* What does this mean to me?