

Ann's Choice Bible Study, John Chapter 15, March 10, 2021

Read John 15:1-8

1. Jesus is preparing the disciples to be fruitful for God's kingdom. In these verses, who is the vine? Who is the vine tender? What about the branches?
2. Why do you think Jesus used the story of the vineyard to illustrate getting a good "crop" for the Lord? See Isaiah 27:2-6
3. To be fruitful, we must stay connected to Christ, the Vine. What happens when we stay connected and "remain in Him" and his words remain in us? In what ways can we stay connected?
4. Why would Jesus feel the need to trim some human "branches"?

Read John 15:9-17

5. Jesus continues to encourage the disciples in their faith. He modeled God's love for his followers. How can we remain in his love?
6. Do you think that we can model God's love by "laying down one's life for one's friends" without literally dying? How so?
7. Jesus said that he chose you so that you might bear fruit. He chose you to be his friend. How is being a friend different from being a servant?

8. a. List some of the fruit that God is looking for? See Galatians 5:22-26.

b. What are some ways we might show these qualities with a friend or a family member?

Read John 15:18-25

9. Why would those in the world hate the disciples?

10. Why are the non-believers guilty? How is this a fulfillment of Old Testament Law?

11. How are we accountable for our response to Jesus now that we have seen him in our study of John?

Read John 15:26-27

12. Verse 26 tells us about the work of the Holy Spirit. What will be Spirit accomplish?

13. What is the responsibility of the disciples?