### Fruit That Abides (John 15:1-17)

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**Fruit-Bearing Goals** 

Vs. 8 1) \_\_\_\_\_ God by

2) bearing \_\_\_\_\_ fruit.

\*Note: Bearing fruit doesn't make us a disciple,

it \_\_\_\_\_\_ we are one.

Vs. 16 3) Appointed by God to bear fruit that \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Definition

Abide- remain, \_\_\_\_\_, endure

### The Metaphor

- Vinedresser-
- True Vine-
- Branches-
- Life/Sap-
- Fruit-

### The Warning- verses 2 & 6

- Are you in Christ?
- Are you bearing fruit?
- Are you ready for pruning?

### What is Fruit?

Fruit produced by the True Vine is \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives

that is \_\_\_\_\_\_ to God.

Fruit includes:

- Attitude (think Beatitudes)
- Character (Fruit of the Spirit)
- Obedience
- Love for one another
- Works and service
- Witness & discipleship
- Satisfaction in Christ alone

# How do we produce Fruit?

- \_\_\_\_\_ by focusing on creating fruit!
- We must abide in Christ because apart from Him we can do
- We abide by engaging:
  - \_\_\_\_: Renew our minds, remember our identity in Christ and in the body.
  - \_\_\_\_: Worship Christ alone, long for Christ alone
  - \_\_\_\_\_: Take action
    Examples: Prayer, praise, read the Word, fellowship, serve, witness, discipleship

## Is my service to God bearing fruit that will last?

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ abiding in Christ.
- 2. Do \_\_\_\_\_\_ as unto the Lord (Col. 3:23-24).
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ the Vinedresser.