

Marks of a Disciple



John 15

- ❖ Which come more easily for you?
- ❖ To take the Vine and Branches picture a little further, what season are you in right now as Jesus' branch? (winter/dormant, spring/new growth, summer or fall/bearing fruit?)
- ❖ Talk about a time you felt "pruned".
- ❖ We are in Christ to "bear fruit", what is the fruit of an abiding branch?
- ❖ What are some ways you are bearing fruit right now?

Looking Back: Mark 15:15-41

Looking Forward: The Marks of a Disciple

What are some things you observe from this passage?

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Looking Deeper

“The Christian life is also the discipling life. Disciples disciple. We follow the one who calls people to follow by calling people to follow. Why do we do this? For the sake of love and obedience.” Discipling- How to Help Others Follow Jesus, Mark Dever.

“It is a fundamental truth that we become what we behold. Children become like their parents; interns become like their mentors. If we behold the beauty of Christ, we become beautiful like Christ.” Gospel Centered Discipleship, Jonathan Dodson.

“Christianity - the religion of the Bible - is not for the rugged individual, the self-made man who needs no one else. It’s a religion for disciples of Christ, followers who lead others to do the same.” Discipling- How to Help Others Follow Jesus, Mark Dever.

Discussion Questions

- ❖ Describe some things that are better learned from hands-on doing rather than from taking in information.
- ❖ How would you describe a watcher of Jesus? (in contrast to a disciple)
- ❖ Talk through the ways discipleship is similar to a branch abiding in the vine.
- ❖ What are some things that hinder us from “abiding” in the Vine?
- ❖ What are some things that help us to “abide” more completely?
- ❖ List out some things you think are the key “Marks of a Disciple.”
- ❖ Which of these do you struggle with in your walk?