



DISCIPLED

Following Jesus All the Way to the Cross

JOHN 13:17

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John 15:1-11 | The Root of the Fruit

Discussion Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **John 15:2** and **Matthew 7:21-23**. By what they were appealing to, it seems that these people were bearing fruit. But what was Jesus' conclusion? How do we explain this?
2. How would you counsel, encourage, or comfort the person who fears that they might be like the people in **Matthew 7** when they die and stand before Jesus?
3. Read **John 15:2**. What does it mean that God will prune the fruit-bearing branch? How have you experienced that in your own life? How are you experiencing that presently in your life; what areas has the Holy Spirit been pruning recently?
4. Read **John 15:4-5**. Contrast the life of abiding with the life of compartmentalizing our faith. Which of these is easier? What are some strategies we might employ to adopt a more whole-life understanding of discipleship?
5. Read **John 15:11** and **Philippians 4:4**. How has discipleship brought joy to your life recently? How do we balance the command to rejoice always with the command to weep with those who weep? How does this apparent paradox play itself out in real life?