



Bearing Fruit

John 15:4-8

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I. Connected

In John 15:1-8 what image from farming does Jesus use? Who is the vine and who are the branches and who is the Gardener?

What does it mean for Jesus to *remain in us* or *abide in us* in John 15:4?

What do the following verses tell you about Jesus remaining in us as the branches? Galatians 2:20, Colossians 1:27, Ephesians 3:17.

Jesus remains in us but how would you describe to someone what is meant by *us remaining in Jesus*?

How is a *relationship* with Jesus different than a *religion* of Jesus?

How do the following help us in walking with Jesus and abiding with Christ?

- Saying "No" to Sin
- Reading and Reflecting on God's Word
- Praying Intentionally
- Surrender All of It

II. Fruit Bearing

What does John 15:4-5 tell us the result is for abiding or remaining in Jesus?

List the fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22-23. How does it change the meaning of these verses when we see the fruit as singular rather than plural?

Read through these passages that describe the result of abiding or remaining in Jesus. Colossians 3:12-15, Ephesians 4:31-32, 1 Peter 3:8, 2 Peter 1:5-8

What gets in the way of our bearing fruit?

III. Obedience

What is the promise that is given in John 15:7?

How can this promise be interpreted quite selfishly?

What does it mean for us to remain in Jesus? What does it mean to have the words of Jesus remain in us? Note James 1:22

How does the first part of this verse impact the second part of this verse?

IV. Fruitful Evidence

What impact does it have on God when we bear much fruit? Why is this so?

How does our Christian life either point towards God or away from God?

How does bearing fruit show that we are disciples of Jesus?

What areas do you find it most difficult to remain or abide with Jesus Christ?