

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - "Rooted - Week 4 - Abide and Be Fruitful " - Doug Kempton

Key Passages: Jeremiah 17:7-8, John 15:1-17

- Feel free to read the passage(s) out loud as a group
- Allow the group to share freely about what stood out to them from the passage or from Sunday's message

Main Ideas

- What if Grace was "A church that does not cease to bear fruit" (fruit = the word of God lived out in our lives)
- John 15: Jesus is telling his disciples that things will change (after he is crucified) but also how to navigate and deal with hard things and circumstances
- Jesus says "I Am..." → the 7th time in the book of John
 - The TRUE vine (Jesus IS the promised messiah and he was who he said he was)
 - If he is the true vine there must be a false one (things we connect to other than Him)
 - v2 & 6: You're either with me or against me, connected or rejected (salvation comes through Jesus alone)
- He prunes us so that we can bear more fruit
 - God refines us
 - This passage does not say we can lose our salvation
- It's an invitation to INTIMACY and fruitfulness with God
 - Abide = to reside or to live (living/residing with Jesus)
 - Whether we abide or not determines if we bear fruit
 - If we don't abide we risk intimacy NOT eternity
- 3 Markers for someone who abides
 - 1) God's word stays with you (v7)
 - Rehem = God's dyanmic, living word spoken to us
 - These words that God speaks or another follower of Jesus speaks STAY WITH US
 - 2) God's love surrounds you
 - Love that surpasses knowledge
 - Basking in the love of God → opinion of others matters less and less
 - 3) You are obedient (v10)
 - If you keep my commandments
 - Get to NOT have to
- Parents/caretakers want this with their kids
- When kids (we) step out of line it doesn't mean they (we) aren't kids anymore, but it affects relationship
- When you abide the world will see
 - God made famous by the fruit in our lives
 - obedience = love God, love others → everything else will work out
- v11: All of this so that we may be joyful and fruitful in every season

Questions (Feel free to use all of these, some of these, or none of these)

1. What does it look like for you in your own words to abide in God?
2. What are some of the false vines that you connect to instead of the true vine?
3. How have you experienced intimacy with God in the past? What was it like?
4. How are you doing with the **3 markers of someone who abides** (see above)?
5. When was a time when God was made famous by the fruit in your life?
6. How is God calling you to abide with him today? What does it look like for you personally?
7. What is God inviting you into as a result of this passage or sermon?

****15 Minutes with God Reading Plan-**

Mon: 1 Kings 1 Tues: 1 Kings 2 Wed: 1 Kings 3 Thurs: 1 Kings 4 Fri: 1 Kings 5

Songs from the weekend: [Glorious - *BJ Putnam*] - [Tremble - *Mosaic MSC*] - [You Know My Name - *Tasha Cobbs*] - [Good Good Father - *Housefires*] -