

Gospel Truths / The Gospel Changes Me - *The Gospel Produces New Life*

Scripture: John 15:1-11

Questions

1. Read John 15:1-11
2. Is there anything from the sermon that challenged you or that you want to talk about further?
3. The Good News changes our hearts; new desires and new life. Does this only happen when we accept Christ, or is it a continual process?
4. Changing of the heart makes us look different. How can we know our heart is affected and not just our head/knowledge? (Gal 5:22-23)
5. We are saved and begin producing fruit. How does fruit bearing look different as a Christian matures?
6. "God's hand is never closer to us than when he prunes our lives." When have you seen or felt this in your life?
7. Has God's pruning ever felt like a punishment? How did you reconcile your thoughts and feelings to know it was for your benefit? (vs 2).
8. It often feels easier to try and clean ourselves up rather than letting God. What does vs 4 tell us about cleaning up our own messes?
9. Abiding in Christ fills us. What are some practical ways you intentionally keep your eyes on Him throughout your daily life?
10. Take a moment to consider anything(s) that you should remove from your life that robs (distracts) you of your love of Christ.
11. Share a time you felt joy in knowing God was glorified through you.
12. Have you known someone going through a trial who had a foundation of joy? What did that look like? How did it affect those (Christian & non-Christian) looking on?
13. How does abiding in the vine fit with last week's main idea of the Gospel reconciling all things to Christ Jesus?
14. Pray that the Gospel continues to change our hearts by abiding in Him.