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Week 2 discussion question

The fruit of love



Read John 15:1-17

What stood out for you?

What did you like or what bothered you?

What does this passage tell you about God and people?

One clear theme of this passage is the concept of bearing fruit. Take a moment to notice how often the word 'fruit' appears in this passage. What do you think Jesus means by 'bearing fruit' in this passage?

Would you describe yourself as someone who bears fruit for God? Why or why not?

In verse 4, Jesus says: "neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." If bearing fruit is directly tied to 'remaining' – or 'abiding' or 'staying put' – in Jesus, what does Jesus specifically mean by remaining in Him from this passage?

Jesus emphasizes love when He says, "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love" (vs 9). What do you think this means? What sort of love is Jesus talking about?

How have you cultivated the life of remaining or abiding in Christ? Are there specific spiritual practices that help you with this?

Jesus offers some very specific requests near the end of this passage: 'love each other as I have loved you' (vs 12), 'you are my friends if you do what I command' (vs 13), 'so that you might go and bear fruit' (v 16). How do you think this call to action connects with the call to remain in love?

What is one specific thing that God is speaking to you through this passage? How will that shape your life in the coming week? If you are with a small group, discuss that with one another and pray for one another. If you are studying on your own, write it down and share it with someone.