

INTRODUCING JESUS

Guide to Sharing Jesus Through the Gospel of John

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Chapter 15: Final Discourses Continue...

The Disciples' Relationship to Jesus (1-11)

1. 1-2 How is Jesus the true vine? (1) _____
In what way is God a gardener? (1) _____
To what fruit does Jesus refer? (2) _____
How important is fruitfulness? (2) _____ Why? _____
How does God prune a branch? _____
Why does pruning produce more fruit? _____
2. 3-4 How are the disciples clean because of the word? (3) _____
Why is it important to remain in the vine? (4) _____
How does Jesus "abide" in us? (4) _____
3. 5-6 What is the most important relationship on earth? (5) _____ Why? _____
How do we remain in Jesus? (5) _____
What is the formula for bearing "much fruit?" (5) _____
What are we able to do apart from Jesus? (5) _____ Why? _____
What happens if we don't remain in Jesus? (6) _____ Why? _____
When will the burning occur? _____
4. 7-8 What is the relationship between staying with Jesus and having our prayers answered? (7) _____
What does it mean for the Father to be glorified? (8) _____
Why does our bearing much fruit prove our discipleship? (8, 5) _____
5. 9-11 Why does Jesus introduce *love* at this point in His teaching? (9) _____
How do we remain in Jesus' love? (9-10) _____
What is so joyful about remaining in Jesus? (10-11) _____
6. **Think:** What three things make us useless and destined for destruction? _____

7. **Personal:** What needs pruning from your life? _____

The Disciples' Relationship to Each Other (12-17)

1. 12-13 Why does Jesus repeat the command to love again? (12, 13:34) _____
What is the highest expression of human love? (13) _____
What love is higher than that? _____
2. 14-15 What relationship does Jesus have with those who keep His commandments? (14) _____
What is the difference between a servant and a friend? (15) _____

How might it feel to have Jesus as a friend? _____

3. 16-17 To what kind of fruit might Jesus be referring in v 16? _____

How does soul winning relate to prayer? (16) _____

Why does Jesus command His disciples yet again, to love one another? (17) _____

4. **Think:** What do we show to Jesus and what does He do for us, when we obey Him? _____

5. **Personal:** Do you want Jesus to be your friend? _____

The Disciples' Relationship to the World (18-27)

1. 18-19 Who does Jesus include in "the world?" (18) _____

Why does the world hate Jesus' disciples? (19) _____

If a person is not hated by the world, is he a true follower of Jesus? _____

2. 20-21 Why does Jesus forewarn His disciples about the hatred of the world? (20) _____

According to v 21, what is the root cause of persecution? _____

3. 22-25 How does Jesus' ministry highlight the reality of sin? (22, 24) _____

How could Jesus be "hated without a cause?" (25) _____

4. 26-27 Why do the disciples need something to remind them of Jesus? (26) _____

Why is it important that the message go out regardless of the world's persecution of the disciples? (27) _____

5. **Think:** What is the cost of following Jesus? _____

6. **Personal:** Could you still follow Jesus, even if it was illegal? _____