



THEME

In Love with the Right Things > holding onto truth that leads to life.

ANCHORED TO TRUTH

John 15:5-13, Luke 6:43-45, Luke 6:46-49, Matthew 6:33, Colossians 1:5-17, Colossians 2:6-7, Colossians 1:19-20, Romans 1:18-25

CONVERSATION

1. Is there a sport or skill you'd love to be good at but no matter how much you try you just never seem to improve?
 - a. If you could snap your fingers + change one thing about you that would help you dramatically improve at this skill/sport > what would it be? (i.e. run faster, jump higher, more dexterity, etc)
2. Check out [John 15:5-13](#)

5 "Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. 6 Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. 7 But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! 8 When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

9 "I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. 10 When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. 11 I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! 12 This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. 13 There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

3. We all want to be good at life > or find "the good life" > but sometimes it feels like no matter what we try we don't get any closer to being 'good at life' >
 - a. How would you define "the good life" or being good at life? Would God define it the same way?
 - b. What waypoints can we find in the passage above that promise to lead to a better life?
 - c. What would be some examples of the kind of "fruit" Jesus is talking about here?
 - d. How are we supposed to 'produce' that kind of fruit?
4. Love seems to be a big part of the fruit our lives are supposed to produce > can we just make ourselves be more loving?
 - a. How do we stay attached to the love of Jesus?
 - b. Have you seen this actually work? How does it work?
5. What would loving each other the way that Jesus loves us look > what are some of those ingredients?
6. How would making honest attempts at obeying Jesus' challenges + loving each other like he loves us change our lives?
 - a. How would that change the lives of those around us?

RESPOND

- Take some time to assess what kind of "fruit" your life is currently producing.

- What kind of fruit do you wish your life was producing that it's not?
- We know we need God's help to produce good things > but what's our role > what can we do to help?
- Is there a challenge [commandment] of Jesus you could start to climb this week?
 - Is there a way we could "climb" that challenge together as a group?

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER