

Bible Study 19 - What does the Holy Spirit keep on doing for you?

Read John 15:1-8

1. Jesus speaks these words to his disciples before he goes to the Garden of Gethsemane where he's betrayed. The next day he will be crucified for the sins of the world. What does Jesus call himself?
2. What does the Father do to the branches who do not bear fruit? (v. 2)
3. Why does the Father prune the branches that are bearing fruit? (v. 2)
4. What has made the disciples clean so that they can be fruitful branches? (v. 3)
5. If a branch is by itself, not attached to the vine, can it bear fruit? (v. 4)
6. Where must we remain if we are to bear fruit? (v. 4)
7. Give some examples of activities you can do that help you remain in Jesus. (The answer to number 4 above should give you some ideas.)
8. Since Jesus is the vine, who are the branches? (v. 5)
9. If we stay connected to Jesus as the vine, that is, if we remain in Jesus, what will we produce? (v. 5)
10. Give some examples of the fruit you bear as you remain in Jesus.
11. How much can we produce that's good in God's sight if we are not in Jesus? (v. 5)
12. What happens to a branch when it's no longer connected to the vine? (v. 6)
13. If we do not remain in Jesus and his word, how will we be like those branches that are no longer on the vine? (v. 6)
14. As we remain in Jesus and work to bear good fruit, what can we be sure of when we ask God to help us do what is right? (v. 7)
15. What brings glory to God the Father? (v. 8)
16. What do we show about ourselves when we bear much fruit for Jesus? (v. 8)

Read Ephesians 6:10-18

17. Who is our real struggle against? (vv. 10-12)
18. What are we to put on to stand against such enemies? (v. 13)
19. Where do we find the belt of truth to buckle around our waist? (v. 14, John 17:17)
20. Whose righteousness alone can protect us? (v. 14, Philippians 3:7-11)
21. What is the sword of the Spirit (v. 17)?
22. How do you put on the full armor of God? (2 Peter 3:18)