

“Discipleship”

Week 5: “The Power for Discipleship”

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Faith Bible Church

John 15:1-11 (*New American Standard Version*)

- 1** “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.
- 2** Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it, that it may bear more fruit.
- 3** You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.
- 4** Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me.
- 5** I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- 6** “If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch, and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7** If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you.
- 8** By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.
- 9** Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.
- 10** If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.
- 11** These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.”

Five key thoughts to understanding in this passage:

- I.** The image of the “_____”
 - A.** the consistent OT image for the _____ of _____
 - B.** completion of God’s plan through the “_____” _____

- II.** The idea of “_____”
 - A.** the _____ of “_____”
 - B.** the _____ of _____

- III.** The nature of “_____”
 - A.** the _____ of “_____”
 - B.** the _____ of _____
 - C.** the _____ of _____
 - D.** the _____ of _____

- IV.** The concept of “_____”

- V.** The promise of “_____ _____”