

John 15:1-17

What we missed: John 14:15-31

- Love and obedience
- Introduction to the Paraclete
- "I will not leave you as orphans" (14:18)
- "Rise, let us go from here" (14:31)

Observation

What key words, phrases, and themes stand out to you?

Key Words

- I/me (everywhere...)
- Father (vv. 1, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16)
- Vine (vv. 1, 4, 5)
- branch(es) (vv. 2, 4, 5, 6[x2])
- Fruit (vv. 2[x3], 4, 5, 8, 16[x2])
- Abide (4[x3], 5, 6, 7[x2], 9, 10[x2], 16)
- Ask (vv. 7, 16)

Key Words

- Love (vv. 9[x3], 10[x2], 12[x2], 13, 17)
- Commandments (vv. 10[x2], 12, 17)
- Joy (v. 11[x2])
- Friends (vv. 13, 14, 15)
- Servants (v. 15[x2])

Key Phrases

- Bear fruit
- Abide in me / I abide in you / Abide in my love / My word abides in you
- Apart from me you can do nothing (v. 5)
- Lay down his life for his friends (v. 13)
- I chose you and appoint you (v. 16)

Observation: Syntactical Outlines

Benefits

- Helps track flow of argument
- Works best in epistles or discourse

Method

- Big ideas on the left; indent subordinate ideas
- Line up parallel words and phrases

Summarize: 15:1-8

Stay connected to Jesus because he is your source of life and growth.

Summarize: 15:9-11

To stay connected to Jesus is to be constantly aware of his love so that we may experience his joy.

Summarize: 15:12-17

We are friends with Jesus and have been commissioned by him to love one another as he has loved us.

Interpretation

What is the main point of the passage?

Application

How does this passage shape our understanding of our mission as followers of Jesus?
