

Week of September 24, 2023

Series: The Story, Ch. 8, Pt. 3

Sermon: What's Your Life Producing?

Text: John 15:1-11

Sermon Outline:

What does it mean to "bear fruit?"

1. To sow the seeds of eternal life.

Matt 3:8-10, 21:42-44; John 4:35-38, 12:23-26; Rom 6:20-22; Philip 1:22

2. To cultivate a mindset of kingdom growth.

Philip 4:16-18; Col 1:3-8

3. To yield a life of righteousness.

Rom 7:4-6; Gal 5:19-23; Eph 5:8-11; Philip 1:9-11; Col 1:10; Heb 13:15-16

Why does bearing fruit matter?

1. Bearing fruit is natural. (1-4)

2. Bearing fruit glorifies God. (5-8)

3. Bearing fruit produces joy. (9-11)

Discussion Questions:

1. Before listening to Sunday's sermon, how would you have described living a life worth living? After now having listened to it, has your definition changed?
2. Do you think there is a parallel between living a life worth living and how you feel about yourself? Why or why not?
3. Read Jesus' 7 "I am" statements in John 6:35, 8:12, 10:7, 10:11, 11:25, 14:6 & 15:1. Jesus is the source and goal of a life worth living. Where do you see this in these verses?
4. Read John 15:1-11. Why is fruit so important?
5. Fruit is people, kingdom growth, and character. Where do you see these various kinds of fruit in and around you? Where do you not see them?
6. According to John 15:1-11, how do you live in such a way as to bear more fruit in your life?