

SEED Group Questions  
“Abiding in Christ”

February 28, 2021

Testimonies over the last week? Salvation testimony by anyone?

**Questions:**

1. Why are churches struggling with reaching their community?
2. What are some of the methods churches use to reach their community that turn people off or have no effect?
3. Read Galatians 5:22-25. Name some fruit that should be evident in a Christians life.
4. Abide means to remain or be connected to the source. What does that mean in your own words?

In John 15:2, Pastor said the scriptures state that those that produce no fruit will be “taken away”. It does not mean cast off. Grapevines, if left unattended, will grow along the ground, and if left lying on the ground, will send little roots down into the soil rather than produce any fruit. They may produce a few tiny clusters of bitter grapes this way, but since they are trying to draw nutrients from the soil where their own roots cannot get deep enough, they will not produce grapes. So, when a vinedresser comes along, and sees branches lying on the ground, he knows that what they need is not to draw their own nutrients from the soil, but to get their nutrients from the vine, because the vine’s root system goes deep. And so, what does he do? He lifts the branch up off the ground and supports it in the air with a trellis or lattice work. This way, the branch has no choice but to draw all of its sustenance from the vine, and as a result, will produce many sweet clusters of grapes

5. How does the above encourage you?
6. What does the above say about the love of God?
7. Do you believe there will be time in the life of a Christian where no fruit is being produced? Explain.
8. How can fruit-inspecting people hinder God’s work as identified above?
9. In John 15:6 those that do not abide are cast forth and burned. Why?
10. Why does Jesus make the distinction between fruit production and abiding in the vine in John 15:2 and John 15:6?