



Priest Lake Church
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Wednesday Bible Study John 15 — Living a Fruitful Life

2026 Theme: Fruitfulness

Key Scripture – John 15:5 (KJV)

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

Fruitfulness comes from remaining connected to Christ.

The Christian life is not about trying harder — it is about **abiding deeper** in Jesus.

The Priest Lake Promise

- **Because God welcomes me, I will welcome you!**
- **Because God works with me, I will work with you!**
- **Because God loves me, I will love you!**

When we remain connected to Christ, His love flows through us to others.

The Disciple Maturity Track

Discipleship Level		Description
Disconnected	Spiritually Dead/ Infant	Not yet connected to Christ or church community
Connected	(Spiritual Child)	Growing in relationship with Christ and His people
Contributor	(Spiritual Young Adult)	Serving others and using spiritual gifts
Connector	(Spiritual Parent)	Helping others connect to Christ

God's goal is that every believer grows toward **fruitfulness and multiplication**.

John 15 Key Teachings

1. The True Vine John 15:1–3

Jesus describes three roles:

- **The Father — The Gardener** - God cultivates and prunes our lives.
- **Jesus — The True Vine**- He is the source of spiritual life.
- **Believers — The Branches**- Branches produce fruit only when connected to the vine.

Key Truth:

God prunes our lives so we can produce **more fruit**.

Reflection

What might God be pruning in your life right now?

Notes

2. The Command to Abide John 15:4–5

Abide means to:

- Remain
- stay connected
- dwell
- continue

Jesus teaches that fruitfulness comes from **connection, not effort alone**.

Growth Levels in John 15

- Fruit
- More Fruit
- Much Fruit

God desires spiritual growth over time.

Reflection

What helps you stay connected to Christ daily?

3. The Danger of Disconnection (John 15:6)

A branch disconnected from the vine will **wither**.

Spiritual disconnection happens when believers drift from:

- Christ
- God's Word
- God's people

Healthy disciples stay connected to Christ and the church community.

Reflection

What habits strengthen your connection to Christ?

4. The Power of Prayer John 15:7–8

"If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

When we abide in Christ:

- our desires align with God
- our prayers become powerful
- our lives produce fruit that glorifies God

Reflection

How does abiding in Christ change the way we pray?

5. The Fruit of Love John 15:9–13

Jesus gives a clear command:

"That ye love one another, as I have loved you."

The greatest fruit of a believer's life is **love**.

This connects directly to **The Priest Lake Promise**.

Because Christ has loved us, we commit to:

- welcome others
- work with others
- love others

Group Discussion

1. What does it mean practically to **abide in Christ**?
2. Where do you see yourself in the **Disciple Maturity Track**?

- Disconnected
- Connected
- Contributor
- Connector

3. What step would help you grow toward the next stage?
 4. Who in your life needs help connecting to Christ?
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Personal Application

God desires that every believer produce **fruit that remains**.

My next step toward fruitfulness:

- Grow deeper in Christ
- Join a Small Group
- Begin serving in ministry
- Help someone connect to Christ

My commitment this week:

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SPIRITUAL DISCIPLESHIP LEVELS

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1. DISCONNECTED (Spiritually Dead / Infant)

Not meaningfully connected to Christ or Christian community. Primary need: Connection to Christ and authentic community. Next step: Salvation, recommitment, baptism, and Small Group connection.

2. CONNECTED (Spiritual Child)

Has trusted Christ and is connected to believers but still growing in consistency. Primary need: Spiritual growth and accountability. Next step: Commit to serving and deeper discipleship.

3. CONTRIBUTOR (Spiritual Young Adult)

Has shifted from consumer to contributor. Actively serving and growing. Primary need: Development and responsibility. Next step: Leadership training and ministry ownership.

4. CONNECTOR (Spiritual Parent)

A mature disciple intentionally living on mission and reproducing spiritually. Primary need: Multiplication and leadership of leaders. Next step: Coach others, launch groups, expand Kingdom influence.

DISCIPLESHIP PATHWAY

DISCONNECTED → CONNECTED → CONTRIBUTOR → CONNECTOR

Spiritual-Discipleship Maturity Self-Assessment



Circle one number (1 = Not True Yet, 5 = Very True of Me) for each statement.

DISCONNECTED (Dead / Infant) **Total Score:** _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I am not consistently connected to Christ or Christian community.

1	2	3	4	5
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I often feel spiritually stagnant, discouraged, or distant from God.

1	2	3	4	5
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I need stronger spiritual guidance and care.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONNECTED (Child) **Total Score:** _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I have placed my faith in Christ and attend church regularly.

1	2	3	4	5
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I am connected to other believers but still growing in consistency.

1	2	3	4	5
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I tend to view church primarily as a place that meets my needs.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONTRIBUTOR (Young Adult) **Total Score:** _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I actively look for ways to serve and meet the needs of others.

1	2	3	4	5
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I am growing personally and using my spiritual gifts.

1	2	3	4	5
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I have shifted from consuming to contributing spiritually.

1	2	3	4	5
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CONNECTOR (Parent) **Total Score:** _____ (Add score from each line, Enter the Total Score)

I intentionally disciple or mentor others.

1	2	3	4	5
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I recruit and encourage others to serve and grow.

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I lead with a Kingdom-first mindset and reproduce spiritually.

1	2	3	4	5
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The area with the highest score is, most likely, your current Spiritual Discipleship Maturity Level. Pray about your next step to: Move from Disconnected to Connected, from Connected to Contributor, and from Contributor to Connector.