

Creekside Community Church
"Transformed"
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Bear Fruit
(John 15:16)

A. Why Should I Bear Fruit?

B. How Do I Bear Fruit?

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. If you could get all the benefits of physical exercise in a pill, would you take it? Why or why not? If exercise is so beneficial, why do you think more people don't exercise? How is our involvement in Christ's work in the world like exercise for our spirit? Why? How do you feel about your current involvement in Christ's mission in the world?

Going Deeper

3. Please read John 20:21. What does Jesus mean? Why did His Father send Him into the world? Why does He send us? To whom has He sent you? What does Jesus send us to do?
4. Please read John 15:16. Why has Christ saved us? In John 15, Jesus compares Himself to a vine and Christians to the branches of that vine. What does that tell you about your relationship with Jesus? What do you think Jesus means by fruit? (What exactly is fruit on a vine or plant? What purpose does it serve?) Why did Jesus save us according to Eph. 2:8-10 and Titus 2:11-14? How should these passages shape the way we view involvement in Christ's mission in the world? If Paul was talking to a Christian who said that only missionaries need to be concerned about reaching people for the gospel and helping them to grow in their faith, what might Paul say?
5. John suggested three steps to take in bearing fruit: connect, explain and display. How would you define each step? Which one is easiest for you? Which one seems most difficult? Which do you need to take next?
6. How would you use Romans 6:23 to explain the gospel to a friend?

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?