

John 15 – The Vine and the Branches

These are the leaders notes from the Kielder Bible Study Group for the meeting that was held on 9th April 2013

Starter

Song Nothing without you

Recap

In Chapter 14 we learnt the following:-

- Jesus says he is going to prepare a place for the disciples
- Jesus declares that he is the only way to the Father
- Jesus states that those who follow him will do his works
- Jesus tells them that the Holy Spirit will come & teach them

John 15

Jesus continues talking to the disciples

The vine and the branches 1-8

Psalm 80 8-9

Isaiah 5 1-7

Ezekiel 15 1-7

John 15 1-4

Q What does Jesus mean by pruning?

Q What does Jesus mean when he says “remain in me”?

- It is impossible to pray correctly unless we know God

5-8 Q How do the branches that go on the fire compare with John 10 27-28?

Life and Love 9-17

9-17

Q What do we understand by the word obedience in v10?

A It is not a pick and mix missing out the bits we are not keen on

Q What do we understand by the word love in v12?

A It is a love that does not count the cost – hence Calvary

Q What is the difference between a servant and a friend? v15

Q What is the fruit that Jesus is talking about in v16? -

A Bringing others to know Jesus

Galations 5 v22-26 How does this fruit compare? (The fruit of the Spirit)

Read in the message to help understanding

9-10“I’ve loved you the way my Father has loved me. Make yourselves at home in my love. If you keep my commands, you’ll remain intimately at home in my love. That’s what I’ve done—kept my Father’s commands and made myself at home in his love.

11-15“I’ve told you these things for a purpose: that my joy might be your joy, and your joy wholly mature. This is my command: Love one another the way I loved you. This is the very best way to love. Put your life on the line for your friends. You are my friends when you do the things I command you. I’m no longer calling you servants because servants don’t understand what their master is thinking and planning. No, I’ve named you friends because I’ve let you in on everything I’ve heard from the Father.

16“You didn’t choose me, remember; I chose you, and put you in the world to bear fruit, fruit that won’t spoil. As fruit bearers, whatever you ask the Father in relation to me, he gives you.

17“But remember the root command: Love one another.

The World hates the disciples

18-25

Q What does Jesus mean by the word -"World"?

2 Timothy 3 whole chapter

Q What do we think about this? Should we open our mouths or keep silent?

26-27

Ephesians 6 10-18

Q So what practice things can we do?

Recap

Q What key things struck you from this chapter?

Summary -

- Keep close to God
- Jesus uses the vine as an illustration
- Following Jesus is going in the opposite direction to the crowd.