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disciples**

**Bearing Fruit for Christ**  
**John 15:1, 4-5**

# Review - What is a “Disciple”?

- One who **accepts** and **assists in spreading** the doctrines of another.
  - *According to Merriam Webster.*
- And “**comes after Jesus**” – Luke 9:23

# 1. Jesus is the **true** vine.

- Jn 15;1-2 "I am the **true vine**, and my Father is the **vinedresser**.  
<sup>2</sup> Every **branch** in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, ...

**Gal. 5:22-23** But the fruit of the Spirit is **love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control**; against such things there is no law. (ESV)

**Jn. 15:12 "This is my commandment, that you **love one another** as I have loved you.**

**1 Jn. 4:12 No one has ever seen God; **if we love one another**, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. (ESV)**

## 2. The bearing of fruit is the **result of abiding** in Christ.

- John 15:5 I am the vine; you are the branches. **Whoever abides in me** and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

### 3. The bearing of fruit is the **mark of discipleship.**

- John 15:2, 15:6, 15:5
- John 15:8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and **so prove to be my disciples.**  
(ESV)

## 4. The essential of discipleship.

Jn. 15:9-10 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **Abide in my love.**<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, **you will abide in my love,** just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.





**Next Step:**