

John 15:1-8
Series – The Way of Jesus
Message – Rhythm
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The Imagery

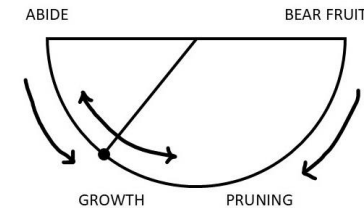
- “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener” (John 15:1).
- Wild & Cultivated Vines
 - Cultivated vines _____ to bear fruit. That is their purpose.
- Grafting
- “You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you” (John 15:3).
- The good news of the Gospel is that in Christ we’re _____.
- John 15:16

The Rhythms of Jesus

- John 15:4-6
- *Mena* – to remain, to abide or _____ contact for a sustained time
- To maintain contact with Jesus for a sustained time is what _____ in Christ means.
- Jesus had four rhythms of abiding with his Father:
 - Daily Abiding
 - Weekly Abiding
 - Seasonal Abiding
 - Occasional Abiding(Bob Roglien, The Jesus-Shaped Way, p.200)
- Predictable Patterns for Us:
 - _____ daily.
 - _____ weekly.

- _____ regularly.
- _____ annually.

Visualizing Fruitful Rhythms



Following the Way of Jesus:

- Step One – Live from your covenant identity.
- Step Two – Serve in your kingdom authority.
- Step Three – Find and invest in people of peace.
- Step Four – Build spiritual family on mission.
- Step Five – Function as a spiritual parent to others (disciples making disciples).
- Step Six – _____ in fruitful rhythms.

Reflection Questions

1. What struck you in the imagery of vine, branches, and gardener?
2. How does the fact that you have been grafted into Jesus impact your understanding of your relationship with Jesus?
3. What are your current patterns of maintaining contact with Jesus for a sustained time, i.e. abiding?
4. Which of the four rhythms Jesus used to abide with his Father some most easily to you?
5. Which of the four rhythms do you feel you might experience the most growth with some intentional investment? When will you begin? With whom will you share your plan so they can hold you accountable?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What is your next faithful step?