

# SERMON NOTE: Fruitful Followers of CHRIST

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Bible Ref: John 15:1-15 NIV

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.

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Introduction

GOD is a fruit lover

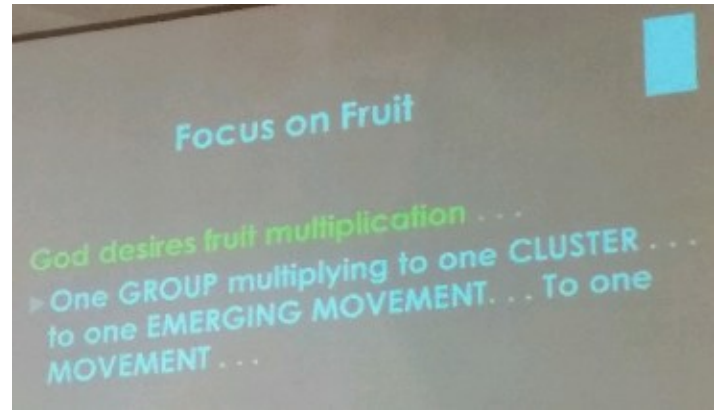
There were 20 types fruits mentioned in Bible

Harvest in the New Testament

Vine, vineyard

HARVEST

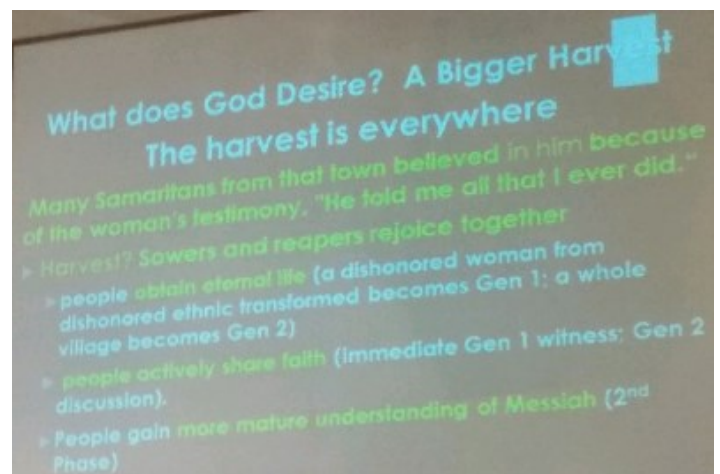
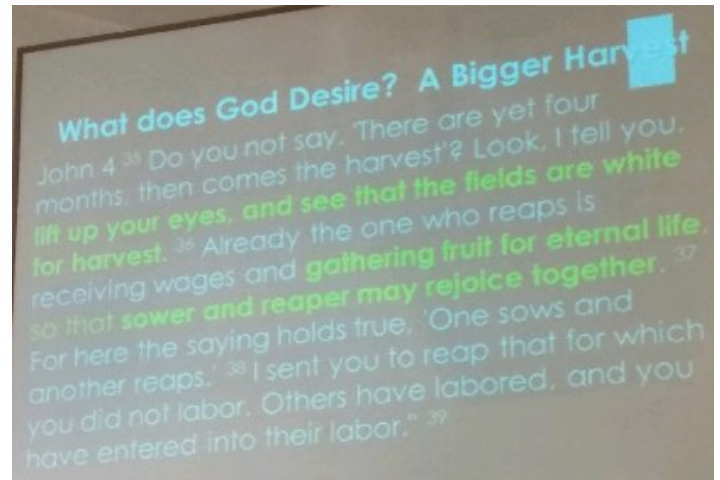
GOD'S Desire for us to bear more fruits as shown in the following versus



John 15:2, 5-5, 8, 16 NIV

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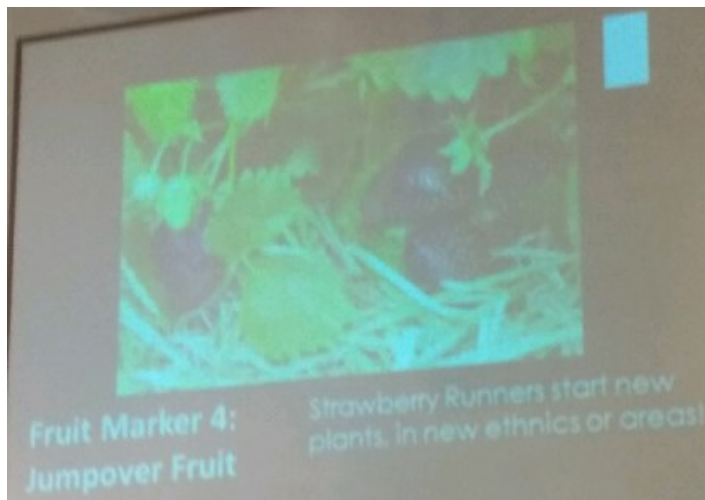
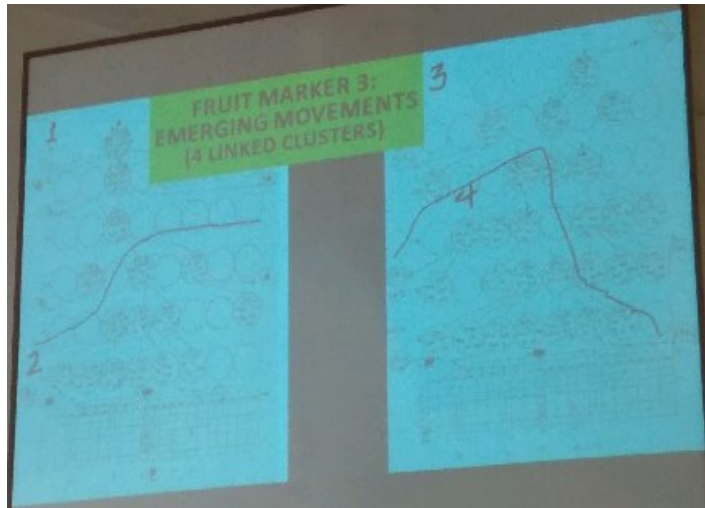


Why JESUS choose those people he Came in contact with?

The Samaritan woman,

Matthew the tax collector  
The man at the tomb

2 Tim 2:2  
Take the teachings that **you** heard **me** proclaim. In the presence of many witnesses, (G1 & G2) and entrust them to **reliable people**, (G3) who will be able to teach **others also**. (G4)



Movements in the Bible  
"Increase reports" in Acts 1-6 show the nature of organic believer community  
is to increase

Movements in the Bible  
From 0 to 500 in 3 years:  
Jesus started by selecting 12 disciples.  
12 sent out in 6 pairs in Gen 1 (Lk 9:1)  
72 sent out in 36 pairs in Gen 2 (Lk 10:1) ...  
Rejoiced that they cast out demons but Jesus said their names written in the book of life more joyful

In Act the 500 add-on with another 3000

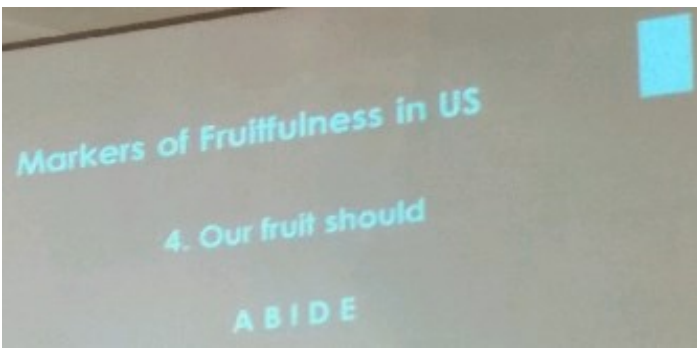
From 500 to 5,000 households in 1 ye  
Acts 4:1 ¶ And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ¶ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day, for it was already evening. ¶ But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about five thousand.

Markers of Fruitfulness in US  
1. We must be part of the vine  
1.2. We must bear fruit  
1.3 We must be pruned  
1.4 We must bear more fruit  
1.5 We must bear much fruit

Markers of Fruitfulness in us  
2. We do it by HIS strength

We must always remember, not by our own strength, work harder n harder, stress over Church not growing...etc

MARKERS OF FRUITFULNESS IN US  
3. We glorify God with our tangible fruit  
3.2 the tangible fruit show the world that we are His disciples  
3.3 it showed that we were chosen and appointed by God



Obey... And abide

