

OUR STORY

Proverbs 29:18

Loving you as you are;
Joining you in the journey;
Celebrating where
God is taking us.

FBCA Vision Statement (EST. 2020)

“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.” **John 15:1-3**

STANDING ON GOD'S WORD

Our foundation is the infallible and
life-changing Word of God.
FBCA Core Value (EST. 2020)

Our most important appointment of the day (John 15:1-11)

I. The Work of God in Our Lives (15:1-3)


A. Starting Point (15:1)

Vine = Jesus; Vinedresser (Farmer) = Father

B. Taking vs. Pruning [cleaning] (15:2)

C. Disciples Position in Christ (15:3)

II. The Work of God through Our Lives (15:4-7)

 **Abiding** (Gk., meno = dwell, stay, continue to live)

A. Connecting with Him Daily (15:4a)

B. Depending on Him Completely (15:4b-5)

C. Staying Focused (15:6-7)

III. The Impact of Fruit-Bearing Lives - Glory (15:8-11)

A. Authenticity - Obedience (15:8)

B. Love - Abide (15:9-10)

C. Joy - Full (15:11)

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Psalm 1:2. When do you spend time (abide) in God's word during the day? Discuss.
2. Read II Timothy 3:16. How do we know the Bible is true? Discuss. For more insight go to GotQuestions.org
3. Read about how fruit-bearing impacts our lives (Point III). Evaluate where you are in these areas as you abide in Christ. Pray together focusing on the strength to be fruit-bearers for the kingdom.

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Abiding Wisdom from I John 2:

... whoever says he **abides** in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked. **(2:6)**

Whoever loves his brother **abides** in the light, and in Him there is no cause for stumbling. **(2:10)**

And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God **abides** forever. **(2:17)**

Let what you heard from the beginning **abide** in you. If what you heard from the beginning **abides** in you, then you too will **abide** in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵ And this is the promise that He made to us—eternal life. **(2:24-25)**

I write these things to you about those who are trying to deceive you. ²⁷ But the anointing that you received from Him **abides** in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie—just as it has taught you, **abides** in him. **(2:26-27)**

And now, little children, **abide** in him, so that when He appears we may have confidence and not shrink from Him in shame at his coming. **(2:28)**