

# Sermon Guide

John 15:8-17



► In John 15:8-17, Jesus tells his disciples of the Father's love and commands them to "abide" in His love and to love others as He has loved us. Describe a time when someone acted lovingly toward you. What happened? How did it make you feel?

Read John 15:8-17

1. Jesus repeats "remain in me", "love", and "bear fruit". How are these words related? What is the "fruit that will last" (v. 16)?
2. What does it mean to "abide" in His love? How do we do this?
3. How do verses 9 and 12 tie together? How is love the essential dynamic of the Christian life? How does your relationship with Jesus change once you start practicing His example of love?
4. What is the link between obedience and prayer (vv. 7, 16, see 14:13-14)?

GROW



- As a branch on Christ's vine, how would you describe the fruit in your life? Why?
- Do you feel more like Jesus' servant or his friend? What helps develop the friendship?
- How would you rate yourself on loving others? What is one way you can allow God's love to pour through you onto others this week?

GLORIFY

•✠ Take a moment to read and reflect on the following prayer. *Dear God, thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love. We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so that we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. In Jesus' Name, Amen.* (Excerpt from [Crosswalk.com](http://Crosswalk.com)). Following this, listen to the song, read the lyrics, and/or sing along to "[Here is Love](#)" or "[Your Love Never Fails](#)".