

Sermon Bible Study Series

Title: Faith, Fruitfulness, and Prayer

Primary Text: John 14:12-14

Expanded Reading: John 15:4-5; Acts 1:8; 8:6-8; 1 John 5:14.

Big Idea: *When we put our trust in Jesus, and align ourselves with Jesus—in our working and our praying—we experience the fruitfulness He promised.*

Engage **Share one character quality, personality trait, or talent that you have in common with one of your parents.**

This question shouldn't take too much time, but should open people to conversation. Validate people's stories and gently invite responses.

- a. ***Have someone briefly review what they remembered from the sermon?*** (You may want to be pre-prepared with the main points to supplement if your group is not able to)
- b. ***What stood out to you/challenged you/ made you think in the sermon?*** (this question could be moved to the deepen section)

Learn ***Read the Primary Text***

1. In John 14:12, Jesus said, "*whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these*". What kind of work was Jesus referring to? What do you think He meant by the phrase "*greater things*"?
2. The fruitfulness Jesus promised is tied to His departure (vs. 12b, *because I am going to the Father*), and to the coming of the Holy Spirit. Read John 15:4-5; Acts 1:8; and Acts 8:6-8. Where have you seen or experienced the power of the Holy Spirit at your in your life, through your life, or in the life of another?
3. In vs. 13-14, Jesus talks about prayer "in His name;" what do you think He means by this? What doesn't He mean? How can we know if we are praying in alignment with His purposes?

Deepen

What questions did you want to ask when listening to the sermon?

Leaders, allow people to wrestle with the text. Don't feel like you need to have all the answers, but in your preparation think about the questions that will arise and be prepared to point toward Jesus and the Scriptures for answers.

What Scripture passages might inform these unanswered questions?

Live

*Where do you sense the Spirit's invitation to trust Jesus to work through you?
What situation do you see that requires God's power in order to experience a breakthrough?*

As a group, commit the above to prayer.