

Creeside Community Church
"Lessons from the Vineyard" John 15
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Disciple-making and Prayer

A. Prayer is Essential for Disciple-making (John 15:7)

B. Disciple-making is Essential for Answered Prayers (John 15:16)

For further thought and discussion:

Getting Started

1. What was helpful to you in this week's sermon? What didn't you understand?
2. Can you remember a time when you saw prayers which other people prayed for you answered? What happened? How did this affect you?

Going Deeper

3. Please read John 15:7. What is the connection between abiding in Christ and answered prayers? What is the connection between answered prayer and fruit-bearing (disciple-making)?
4. Why is disciple-making impossible apart from prayer? (2 Cor. 4:3-4, John 6:44, 65, Matthew 16:15-17 John 16:8, John 1:12-13) How does this change the way we see parenting? Evangelism? Disciple-making? Can you identify one person you need to begin to pray for regularly? What will you ask God to do for this person?
5. Please read John 15:16. What is the connection between disciple-making and prayer in this verse? According to 1 John 3:22-23, whose prayers are answered? How does this verse reinforce what Jesus is saying in John 15:16? Why do you think living for the purpose God chose us for would lead to answered prayer? Notice that Jesus promises that "*whatever* you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you." Do you think God answers our prayers primarily because of what we ask for or because of who is asking? Why? How should this change the way we pray?

Application: What is one lesson you've learned from this passage and how will you apply it to your life?