

The Book of John

LESSON EIGHTEEN

John 15:1-16:4

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1 Look in His Word

Feel free to underline, circle or otherwise mark the text if it will aid your study.

John 15:1-4

¹“I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.

²He 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.

³You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you.

⁴Remain in me, and I will 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.

2 List the Facts

What does the passage say? Make a verse-by-verse list of the most obvious, outstanding facts. Be literal as you answer.

Example:

(15:1) I am the Vine and my Father, the Gardener.

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3 Learn from the Lessons

What does the passage mean? What lessons can be learned from these facts? Be spiritual as you answer.

Example:

(15:1) Jesus and His Father are experts at producing fruit.

4 Listen to His Voice

What does this passage mean to you? Rewrite the lessons from step 3 in the form of a question. Be personal as you answer.

Example:

(15:1) Do I recognize and submit to the place Jesus and His Father have in my life?

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2 List the Facts

John 15:5-8

⁵“I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

⁶If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.

⁷If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.

⁸This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples. “

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Listen to His Voice

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2 List the Facts

John 15:9-17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

¹⁰If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.

¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

¹³Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command.

¹⁵I 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.

¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit--fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.

¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.”

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Listen to His Voice

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1 Look in His Word

2 List the Facts

John 15:18-25

¹⁸“If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first.

¹⁹If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.

²⁰Remember the words I spoke to you: ‘No servant is greater than his master.’ If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also.

²¹They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

²²If I had not come and spoken to them, they would not be guilty of sin. Now, however, they have no excuse for their sin.

²³He who hates me hates my Father as well.

²⁴If I had not done among them what no one else did, they would not be guilty of sin. But now they have seen these miracles, and yet they have hated both me and my Father.

²⁵But this is to fulfill what is written in their Law: ‘They hated me without reason.’”

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Listen to His Voice

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1 Look in His Word

2 List the Facts

John 15:26-16:4

²⁶“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.

²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

^{16:1}“All this I have told you so that you will not go astray.

²They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.

³They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.

⁴I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.”

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4 Listen to His Voice

5 Live in Response

How will you respond? Pinpoint what God is saying to you from this passage. Write down today's date and what you will do now about what He has said.

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