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About Us

South Pacific Christian Ministries is a Non-Denomination Missions Oriented Ministry that sprang out of a small tourist focused church in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii. After 16 years serving as the Senior Pastor the LORD redirected our steps from the little chapel by the sea to the small island communities of the South Pacific.

Our Vision is to bring the living water to the small islands of the South Pacific; a vision summed up in the Hawaiian phrase Ke Ola Wai, which means the living water. Ke Ola Wai encompassing our greatest spiritual and physical need, pure spiritual and physical water.

Our Mission is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the people who live on the small islands of the South Pacific that can only be reached by boat. To bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to their shores, assisting local Pastors, providing Bible Training for believers and conducting outreaches to draw in non-believers. To provide gravity fed, family sized, reverse osmosis water filters; emergency medical supplies; medical services; and disaster response training.







Summary

Through the parable of the vine and the ten virgins, along with Jesus' message to the church of Ephesus and of the Laodiceans, we examine the importance and reward of a close relationship with God. In addition, we examine the potential consequence of allowing your passion for the LORD to diminish.



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Leaders Guide

Throughout the Gospels we find numerous occasions where Jesus used word pictures or symbolism to express various truths. In the 15th chapter of John, He uses a symbolic representation of a grape vine. The picture He paints with His words express the nature of the Church and the Kingdom of God.

John 15:1-7

- 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.
- 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.
- 3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.
- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.
- 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 15:1-7 (AMP)

- 1 I am the true Vine, and My Father is the vine dresser.
- 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that continues to bear fruit, He [repeatedly] prunes, so that it will bear more fruit [even richer and finer fruit].
- 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have given you [the teachings which I have discussed with you].
- 4 Remain in Me, and I [will remain] in you. Just as no branch can bear fruit by itself without remaining in the vine, neither can you [bear fruit, producing evidence of your faith] unless you remain in Me.
- 5 I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him bears much fruit, for [otherwise] apart from Me [that is, cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.
- 6 If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown out like a [broken off] branch, and withers and dies; and they gather such branches and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.
- 7 If you remain in Me and My words remain in you [that is, if we are vitally united and My message lives in your heart], ask whatever you wish and it will be done for you.

Question

- 1) What does the image of the vine express?
 - The vine represents the church with Christ as the main trunk.

The grape vine has a strong central trunk on which all of the branches connect and draw what they need to flourish. Without the trunk the branches can not survive. The trunk enables the branches to grow and produce fruit as long as they are connected. A branch with a weak connection will not draw fruit and will likely wither and die. As believers, it is our connection to Christ that enables us to grow in Him.

Jesus makes the distinction that He is the true Vine. By inference, then all other vines are false. These represent false religions and the doctrine of man. The religious rulers of the day had a form of Godliness, but lack understanding of the character and ways of God. They also did not know or believe God's Word, otherwise they would have recognized Jesus as the Messiah.



Question

- 2) When Jesus says that the Father is the husbandman what does that mean?
 - The Father is the one who cleanses, purges and prunes the branches. He also owns the fruit.

God, the Father, watches over the vine. He thins fruit to protect the branches and to improve the quality of the fruit. He also removes branches that have dried up so that they don't damage the other branches. When the fruit is ripe, He orchestrates the harvest.

John 15:2

2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Question

- 3) Why would a branch die on the vine?
 - They have become disconnected from the trunk of the vine, the source of life.

A branch, be it on a grape vine or a fruit tree can get damaged by weather, pest or people. Sometimes they are bent too far and get pulled away from the main trunk or get broken near that point. Regardless of the cause if a break occurs between the branch and the trunk, then the life source is cut off. When this happens the branch can not produce healthy fruit, if any. It will also begin to dry up. The leaves will turn brown and fall off causing the outer appearance to show what has happen on the inside.

Now if that branch is mended and secured to the trunk then it can heal over time and will again bear fruit. Otherwise, it will eventually have to be cut down to protect the vine or tree.

Believers can become disconnected when we allow circumstances or temptations to draw us away. The lies of the enemy cause us to reject the truth and stop drawing from the source of life. The enemy is always trying to get believers to reject God's Word and believe a lie. Sometimes it is the lies of man's doctrine. Sometimes it is lies that come through circumstances or personal failures, perceived or real. The lie purpose is to reshape our view of God and ourselves. When we accept those lies as truth, then we withdraw from God, severing our connection.

The cares of life or temptations can also because a snare that severs our relationship with God. When we allow busyness or other influences to cause us to loose our passion for God, the we withdraw from our source of truth and life. Even a delay in the answer to a prayer can cause us to disconnect with God if we get offended because the answer does not come when we want it.

Question

- 4) Is the fact that someone is not baring fruit at the moment an indication that there is something wrong spiritually in their life?
 - No, fruit comes forth at an appointed season

Just as a grape vine or a fruit tree has seasons where they bare no fruit, believers have seasons without fruitfulness. During the winter a fruit tree or vine expands their roots and prepares for the season of fruit. During the spring they begin shooting out new branches and building old ones to bare the fruit. In our walk with God there are seasons of growth and learning where the fruit is limited or appears no existent. Fruitlessness is only a sign of danger when it is a reflection of a lack of relationship with God.



Question

- 5) What kinds of fruit do believers produce?
 - Both good and bad fruit. The good fruit produces life, wholeness and imparts truth. The bad fruit produces death, destruction and deception.

The fruit of a believers walk is seen in the hearts of those they touch. If the words and actions of a believer tear down, hinder, ridicule, impart doubt and unbelief, or instill fear, then that will be the fruit of their walk. If their words and actions impart understanding, hope, love, patience, truth and life, then the fruit of their walk will be good.

The fruit that we impart is eternal, for good or evil. Good eternal fruit is that enables nonbelievers to enter into a personal relationship with God and sets them free from sin and death. Eternal fruit bring Glory and Honor unto God. Bad fruit can also be eternal, because it can cause or enhance a separation between God and an unbeliever.

John 15:3

3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

In order to become a believer, you received the truth from God's Word. That truth sets you free from sin and death, cleansing you from unrighteousness. God's Word transforms us into righteous children of God. That does not mean that a new believer's thoughts and mind sets are fully transformed. Changing what and how we think is a process of replacing lies with truth and getting rid of harmful ways. That is how we walk out our salvation. How we pursue our relationship with God and how we seek out His Word, the absolute truth, determines how quickly this process transforms us to be like Him.

John 15:4-5

- 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.
- 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Question

- 6) What are the warning signs that a believer is drawing away from Christ?
 - Self-focused, victim mentality, emptiness, lack of interest in God and in His Word, limited or nonexistent prayer life
- 7) What can cause us to draw away from God?
 - Circumstances; lack of understanding or knowledge of God's Word, character and ways; accusations against God; wounds caused by religious leaders and other believers; unforgiveness; lust of the flesh and pride.

Because we live in a fallen world, stuff happens. Our you respond to a negative circumstance shows your level of understanding of God's Word, your acceptance of His Word as absolute truth, and the depth of your relationship with Him. If we become offended at God because of a circumstance then we have accepted the lie as truth that God caused it or that He does not care. The end result is that we will draw away from Him which enables the enemy to continue destroying our lives.

Sometimes the answer to a pray does not come when we want it or the way we want it. How we respond to those situation determines if we will begin to draw away from God.



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John 15:6

6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

Question

- 8) Why would God cast away a branch that is not abiding in Christ?
 - Won't bear good fruit, to promote health of the other branches, dead branches invite disease that can then infect other branches

Just as with a vine or tree branch, when it becomes separated from the source of life, it begins to die. A dead or dying branch will not bare fruit. If there was fruit on it before it was separated then that fruit will not develop further and will begin to rot. A dead or dying branch can also damage good branches and spread disease. They must be removed for the health of these others.

A believer who draws away from Christ, will quickly wither and die spiritually. While they may have the appearance of Godliness, their fruit will not be good. Their fruit quickly turns bad. The seeds they sow take on the spiritual death that fills their heart.

Question

- 9) What are the advantages of abiding in Christ?
 - For one, you will know the truth and the truth will set you free from sin and bondage.
 - You will have a strong relationship with God.

Abiding in Christ in the core of Christianity. It is our relationship with God and our knowledge of His Word that enables us to grow in Him. Through His Word and our fellowship with Him we can become all that He created us to be.

Psalm 37:3 - 6

- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.
- 4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
- 5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.
- 6 And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

The passage in Psalms 37, spells out part of the value of abiding in Christ. As we delight ourselves in the LORD, seeking His face, not just His hand, then He will enable us to grow in Him. We become a light in the darkness that surrounds us in this world. He also works with us to change what we desire so that it lines up with His will for us. He then gives the things that we desire to us.

John 15:16

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Questions

- 10) When Jesus says, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you..."; what does that mean?
 - We can not come to Him unless He draws us.
 - He arranged for us to hear His Word and to receive His life (Ps 139:6, PS 17:5)





Questions

- 11) When He says, "that your fruit should remain", what does He mean?
 - Godly fruit is fruit that remains because it is in the form of people whose hearts have been transformed in His Children.

God's desire is that we are fruitful with Godly fruit, lives saved from eternal damnation. Lives set free from the chains of sin and death. When through our relationship with Him we bring from Godly fruit, we honor Him. It is the least that we can do considering the price He paid for us.

A fruitful walk with God is much like the concept of multi-marketing, in the right way. God works through us to touch the lives of those that we come in contact with. They in turn, work with God to touch the lives of the people they come in contact with. Etc. Unfortunately, evil fruit works the same way. The exception is the fact that truth always overcomes a lie when that truth is accepted as truth.

John 15:16

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Question

- 12) Where it says, "...that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you", does this mean that there are no limits to what we can ask?
 - When we ask according to His will, then there are no limits.

In multiple places in the Bible God promises to answer our prayers. God keeps His promises!

Matthew 7:7-8

- 7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:
- 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Luke 11:9-10

- 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.
- 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

John 15:7

7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.

John 16:23

23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

Not abiding in Him. Not knowing the truth, God's Word. Believing that God no longer answers prayers or that He only answers sometimes, is to choose to believe a lie.





Question

- 13) How can you be sure that the things you ask for are within His will?
 - As we walk with Him we learn to ask according to His ways to fulfill the desires that He places in our hearts, instead of trying to fulfill the lust of our flesh.
- 14) Can we ask for things that bring earthly pleasure, such as new cloths, a better house, finances?
 - If that which we ask for is not to fulfill the lust of our flesh, then the Father desires to provide it for us.

It is always important to remember that God's love for you is without measure. He paid a price that none of us could pay. He gave His only begotten Son to be pay for our sins, our sickness, our peace and our provision. He allowed His Son to go to hell for us and then enabled Him to rise again. He did all of that because He loved you; just as His Word declares in John 3:16.

When we have a strong relationship with God then we will know what is good and what is not. We will know what we should ask and what would be contrary to His will. We learn through our relationship with Him to listen to the Holy Spirit as we pray. When we get a check as we begin to pray something contrary to His will, that is His Spirit say not to ask.

Just as a Father or Mother delights in giving a child something they want, God is the same way. If it is something that is not harmful to us then He will ask our prayers. That includes those things that are simply wants. A new car, a home, certain types of clothing, etc.

Matthew 25:1-12

- 1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
- 2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
- 3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
- 4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
- 5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
- 6 And at midnight there was a cry made, "Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him."
- 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps.
- 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out.
- 9 But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves.
- 10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
- 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
- 12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.

In the parable of the ten virgins we find an example of the value of abiding in Christ. Five were wise and Five were foolish. The wise ones had a reward for their choices. The foolish suffered the consequence of their choices.

Question

- 15) What can be said of the five who did not bring enough oil?
 - Their relationship with the Jesus was not close





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The ten virgins represent those believers in various states of their walk with God. Five of them had a form of Godliness, but lacked a relationship with God. In other words, they had a religion, not a relationship. They were ones who did not abide in the vine and over time, had nothing left to draw upon. The life within them, God's Word, stopped shining forth. His Word, His life began to be replaced with the lies of the enemy and spiritual death. While they still believed to a degree, but they no longer drawing from the vine.

The five wise virgins had extra oil. They had drawn deep from God's Word and their relationship with God was strong. Unlike the foolish ones, they were prepared and had a store of His Word and Life to draw upon in a time of darkness.

Question

- 16) Where were the foolish virgins when the Bridegroom came?
 - They were off trying to get what they lacked instead of looking to the one who could provide it.
- 17) What does that say about those who do not have a close relationship with Christ; or who simply have a religious walk?
 - Without a close personal relationship with Christ, you won't be ready when He returns.

Revelation 2:1-5

- 1 Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;
- 2 I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:
- 3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted.
- 4 Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.
- 5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

The church of Ephesus were busy doing the work of the church. They did the work and pursued the truth. They even exposed those who claimed to be God's representatives, but were not. According to the LORD, they were very diligent in everything, but their relationship with God. They entered into a works mentality and lost the most important part, their relationship with God. They lost their passion for the LORD.

The God who is love, who for love, gave His all that we might be saved, desires to be loved. None of us want to be in a relationship where the other person does not really love us. Even if they go through all of the motions, their heart is far from us. God desires above all things to be loved.

Questions

- 18) Why did the church of Ephesus fall short?• They lost their passion for the LORD.
- 19) Can you be busy doing what we believe is His work, but still not be serving Him?
 - Yes (Matthew 7:21-27)
- 20) What is the main difference between doing a work and doing His will?
 - We do more than just a work when we do what He wants done, when He wants it done and the way He wants to do it.



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Our relationship with God, our times of talking with God, not just talking to God, enable us to know His will. If our hearts are for Him, then He will make sure we know what is His will for us to do at the moment. If our hearts are indifferent towards Him, then we will not hear His voice or know His will for our life.

Questions

- 21) Could giving, or prayer times, or time spent in His Word ever be wrong?
 - Heart motivations and do His will at the moment.

Giving should always be tempered by God's will and direction. Giving of your tithe should be as He wills, not man. Just because there is a good or even Godly cause, that does not mean He would have you give at that moment. When we give according to His direction, then the right people received the funds He would have them to receive.

Questions

22) What are the two things that are most important to God? Relationship and obedience

Revelation 3:14-16

- 14 And unto the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God;
- 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot.
- 16 So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth.
- 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:
- 18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.
- 19 As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.
- 20 Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.
- 21 To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.
- 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

In Jesus' message to the church of the Laodiceans, Jesus described them as lukewarm. He said, that they thought they had everything, but in truth, had nothing. In today's church, they could be described as those who go through the motion, but whose hearts are not for Him. They go to church on Sunday, some even every time it is open. While they appear Godly, they are in truth empty, because they have no passion for God.

Jesus warned them that they would be cast out, spued forth, if they failed to change their ways. He told them to buy from Him, gold tried in the fire. In other words, seek after the truth and the wisdom of God; seek after a true passionate relationship with God.

Question

- 23) Why did the Ladiceans become lukewarm?
 - They had a form of Godliness with out the Love or Life of God, they were not abiding in the vine.





When we allow circumstances, busyness, people and things, to take priority of our relationship with God, then our passion will begin to cool. We may still believe in Him, but He is no longer the center of our lives. Once our relationship begins to wain, the enemy can bring in lies that we will hold to be true. Those lies will replace the truth in our heart and lead us down a path of destruction.

Question

- 24) What does it mean when God says, "I will spue thee out of my mouth"?
 - Just as the branch that withers on the vine, you become empty and dead. By your actions, you declare that He is not worth your time and love. You thereby reject Him and will be in turn rejected by Him.

The warning unto the church of the Laodiceans is one that all of us should consider. The consequence of a lukewarm heart towards God is eternal damnation. If we allow ourselves to loose our love for God, even if we are busy doing the work of the church, then we become offensive to Him. If we would be offended and hurt by someone who once loved us becoming indifferent towards us, why wouldn't God?

Take a hard look at your walk and relationship with the LORD. Where does God fit in your heart? Where does God fit in your life? Do you have a passion for the LORD or do you show Him indifference? Do you worship and praise Him even when circumstances are difficult or just when He answers a prayer?

If you heart has cooled towards the LORD, if your passion has waned, ask Him for forgiveness. God is always quick to forgive. Then begin spending time in worship and in His word.

Question

25) Take a hard look at your relationship with God. Do you have a passionate love for God or just a religion?

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Study Questions

Answer the following questions, using scripture to support your answers where appropriate. The goal is to gain understanding, not to adhere to short, pat answers. Don't limit yourself to the space on the page between questions. Write your answers on a separate sheet if necessary. Do not include answers based on the books that are not part of the Bible. The opinions of man and blending the works of man, in particular false books, will hinder your walk and understanding.

Read

John 15:1-7	Psalms 17:5	Luke 11:9-10
Psalms 37:3 - 6	John 15:16	John 16:23
Psalms 139:6	Matthew 7:7-8	Matthew 25:1-12

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