The Fruit of the Spirit, part 1

Read Matthew 7:15-21. What do you think Jesus meant by “fruit” in this passage?

What is the relationship between fruit and the plant it is growing on?

How many kinds of fruit and trees are there? (v.17-18)

Is it right to expect good fruit on someone who claims to be a follower of Christ? (v.20)

What is Jesus saying about people who claim to be followers but don’t have the matching fruit? (v.15, 21)

Read John 15:1-5. Who are the branches? (v.5)

What does it mean that He prunes us? (v.2) What does a person do when he prunes a plant and why?

What is the key to producing fruit? (v.4-5)

What two things happen when we bear much fruit? (v.8)

We have examined the kind of fruit and the amount of fruit God desires. Now look at your own life and ask yourself what your life is producing.

Read Galatians 5:22-25. What is the difference between living by the Spirit and walking by the Spirit? (v.25)

1. **LOVE** (v.22) This Greek word *agape* means God’s unconditional love. What is the only source for God’s unconditional love? (1 John 4:7-9)

   Who is the one that initiates this love? (1 John 4:19)

   How does God want to express His love through us? (1 John 4:11-12)

   What does God say about the person who says, “I just can’t love that person”? (1 John 4:20-21)

   In your own life, what are some things you will do to show God’s love to others?