



STARTING WELL

BEGINNING A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Starting Well #6: Walk with Jesus (Walk with Me) ***John 15:1-11***

- I. Walking with Leslie and the kids...
 - a. They steal the show
 - b. His greatest glory is our ultimate goal

- II. Top Down Leadership (Lord)
 - a. His greatest glory comes from our greatest fruitfulness (15.8)
 - b. Our greatest fruitfulness follows pruning (15.2, 4-5)
 - c. Apart from Him we can do nothing (15.5-6)

- III. Bottom Up Service (Savior)
 - a. The fullness of joy is experienced as we abide in His love (15.9-11)
 - b. We rejoice in our belovedness (15.9)

- IV. His greatest glory *is* our fullest joy
 - a. Wanna go for a walk...



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Discussion Questions

1. Unproductive and joyless lives drive us to Jesus, but once we have a taste we tend to become “fruitful enough” and “just happier.” How can a little bit of fruit and a sample of joy become a distraction from the greatest fruitfulness and fullest joy?
2. What does it feel like to be pruned? Where and when have you experienced this?
3. Does the image of Jesus as Lord or Savior resonate more with your story? How does seeing the other side shape your impression of following Christ?
4. Why do you think people would rather wither and die apart from the Vine than endure pruning for the sake of greater fruitfulness?
5. How does thinking about the Father’s love for the Son change the way you think about the Son’s love for His disciples/us/you?
6. Go and Tell: Baptism is an opportunity to begin this walk with Jesus through a public declaration. In baptism, we receive His love and declare our intent to abide in Him. Have you told the world who you’re walking with and whose greatest glory is your fullest joy? If so, when was the last time you shared the story of your baptism with someone outside the faith?

As you continue on:

- Read John 21
- Carve out a specific time each day to pray.