

REAL Growth: The Saviour King - Week 5

The Fruitful Life

These notes are to be used in conjunction with the sermon series during the service or with the recording. They are intended to assist also with further individual or group study

Readings

Psalm 107: 33-43; Mark 4: 6: 1-13; and Romans 5: 1-5

The Song of Fruitfulness Psalm 107: 33-42

How does this vivid image of God's mercy differ from the other four images we've considered; what aspect is missing?

In verses 33-34, 39-40 we see conditions for a barren setting. In vs. 35-38, 41-42 we see conditions for fruitfulness. What images from the bible do these verses bring to mind? Thinking of these verses and John 15 what are the conditions for fruitfulness in life?

Do you desire to be fruitful; why? What are the problems and solutions with this desire?

Barren or Fruitful Mark 6: 1-13

Why do the Nazarenes reject Jesus vs. 1-6?

Why are the disciples fruitful vs. 7-17

What aspects of the Nazarenes and the disciples do you see in yourself?

Living the Fruitful Life Ro. 5: 1-5

In verses 1-2 we see a summary of the last four weeks and the essential **fertile ground** we need in order to be fruitful. What past, present and future foundation do you see in these verses?

In 1 Cor. 3: 10-15 we see this fertile ground/foundation described as Jesus Christ. Paul details how we grow/build in/on this foundation but **how do we plant ourselves** in this ground?

If we are to build well how does Ro. 5: 3-5 and 2 Pet. 1: 3-9 help us? In our relationship with God what do we put our trust in and **how do we grow** in that trust?

Future Study

Meditating on the first four images of mercy how do we progress into this fifth image of fruitfulness? What do we not do (2 Pet. 1: 9) and what do we actually do (2 Pet 1: 8 & Ps. 107: 43)?

What insights of God's mercy have you taken from this series; how will you apply this learning in your life and at St Aidan's?

