

The **Upper Room Discourse**

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I. GOAL OF ABIDING IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY BEARING FRUIT - JOHN 15:8

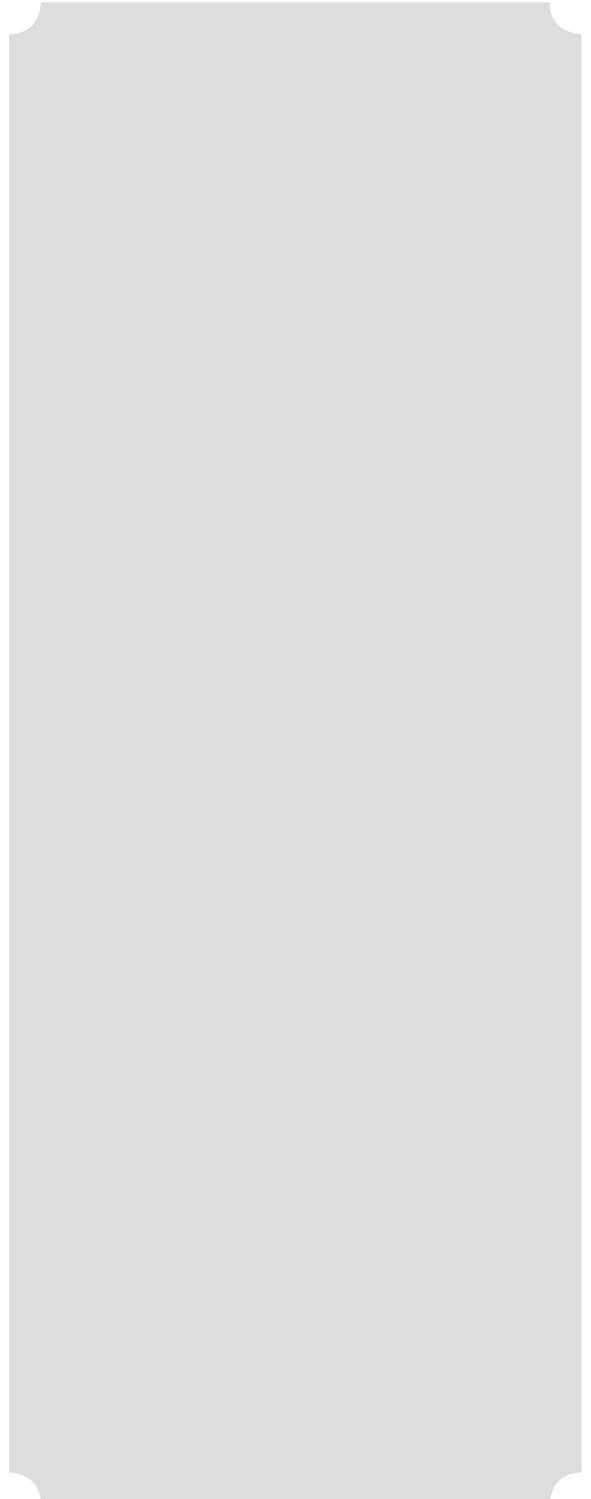
- A. Emphasis on the glory of the Father

- B. True disciples do this

II. I AM THE TRUE VINE - JOHN 15:1

- A. This is the last “I am” statement

- B. He is the true vine as opposed to Israel
 - 1. Israel failed to “bear fruit”
 - a) Isaiah 5
 - b) Ezekiel 15
 - c) Vine’s one purpose is to produce grapes
 - 2. Jesus is the “true” vine
 - a) He is the only source of life
 - b) His disciples share that life
 - c) The goal of this union is that disciples bear fruit



III. WHAT IS FRUIT?

- A. John 4:36 - Gathering fruit for eternal life

- B. John 12:24 - If it (the grain of wheat) dies, it brings forth much fruit

- C. John 15:16 - ordained unto "fruit that remains"

IV. WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN BY ABIDING?

- A. Begins with a settled relationship - John 15:1

- B. Involves a continuous action on the disciple's part - John 15:4
 - 1. Amplified by John 15:7
 - a) If you abide in Me

 - b) My words abide in you

 - c) You will exercise faith in prayer

