"Fresh Fruit (Good Productive Fruit)"

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 10:30 a.m. Whitneyville Bible Church, Alto, MI Pastor Jonathan DeCou *John 15:1-8, 16-17*

BIG IDEA: Good fruit produces even more fruit.

"My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples." John 15:8 (CSB)

- Some bear NO FRUIT.
 - o Because of DELUSION.
 - Because of DISTRACTION.
 - Because of DECEPTION.
- Some bear FRUIT.
 - o BAD fruit.
 - The fruit of BITTERNESS.
 - The fruit of <u>SELFISHNESS</u>.
 - The fruit of <u>DECEITFULNESS</u>.
 - GOOD fruit.
 - The fruit of REPENTANCE.
 - o Fruit for GOD.
 - The fruit of <u>PRAISE</u>.

- The fruit of <u>RIGHTEOUSNESS</u>.
- o The fruit of GODLY CHARACTER.
- Some bear MUCH FRUIT.
 - o By PRUNING.
 - o By ABIDING.
- Some bear LASTING FRUIT.
 - The WORD of GOD.
 - The SOULS of MEN.

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Read: John 15:1-8, 16-17

Think: Contemplate Jesus' command for fruitfulness and then ask these questions: What kind of "soil" are you? Productive or unproductive? What kind of fruit are you bearing: bad fruit or good fruit? What needs to be pruned from your life in order for you to be more fruitful? How "at home" are you in Christ? How are you cultivating fruit that lasts?

Do: Make a list of righteous fruit you need to cultivate in your life. Identify a plan to allow God's Word to have a lasting impact in your life. Identify one lost person you will attempt to reach for Christ in 2022.