

**Hope Chapel Annual Theme: “The Kingdom Then You in 2022” – Part 3**

**MESSAGE SUMMARY:** A fruit tree doesn't have to work hard to produce fruit. It's just a natural unfolding of life. All you need is root system in the ground, a trunk tied to the root system, branches connected to that main stem and fruit will happen. It is the normal, natural unfolding of life. It's the product of a connection. As we grow older, we mature. In our spiritual lives we should become spiritually mature. The Bible calls it being fruitful. Spiritual fruit is the indication that we're truly connected to Christ the King. But there are others, as we'll see today. Today let's consider how our relationship Jesus is demonstrated. When we're rightly connected to Christ the King we'll be: Fruitful, powerful & joyful.

## **Connection to the King John 15:1-11**

### **1. You will be Fruitful in Life (vv. 2, 5, 8)**

**Fruit is noticeable and obvious.**

- A. People you win to Christ
- B. Holy living
- C. Financial giving
- D. Praise to God

### **2. You will be Powerful in Prayer (vv. 7-10)**

- A. You abide in Christ
- B. Christ abides in you
- C. God's Word abides in you
- D. Ask anything you want

### **3. You will be Joyful in Spirit (v. 11)**

- A. Jesus' own personal joy to you
- B. Jesus' own personal peace to you – John 14:27

#### **LifeGroup QUESTIONS:**

**BEGIN IT** (5mn) – Praise song to the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

**OPEN IT** (10mn) – What is one thing that your parents had to prune back in you when you were a child?

**EXPLORE IT** (60mn) – After reading John 15:1-11 review Sunday's sermon outline together and any notes people have about the message.

1. As a Christian, how would you evaluate your own growth? What would help you grow more?
2. What does “abiding in Christ” mean to you personally?
3. What do you see in your life now that needs pruning or trimming to become more fruitful?
4. Are you current with your Daily Bible Reading? What are some of the benefits of reading the Bible daily?
5. Have you maintained a daily prayer time with God? What are some of the benefits of praying before you start your day?

**APPLY IT-** (15min) What did God reveal to you in the sermon or among your discussion Group? How will you apply this new understanding to your life?