

**Sticking with the Mission: “What glorifies God?”**  
**John 15:1-27**

We’ve begun this year by working through our mission statement. We’re doing this not only to remind ourselves of what we as a church are to be doing, but also to consider how our mission statement can become a tool to disciple an individual, including ourselves, to become more and more like Jesus Christ. This is our mission statement:

**Our church exists to glorify God** by intentionally making reproducing  
disciples who  
    **love God,**  
        **love one another, and**  
            **live to reach to the world for Christ.**

This morning I want us to continue with what it means to glorify God and how we can glorify Him in our day to day lives. John 15 will provide the basis for our discussion.

**Glory of God**

- God’s Presence among his people
- Display of God’s majesty, character,  
    and power
- Through nature, the pillar of fire/cloud,  
    Jesus Christ,  
    the Character of God’s people  
    the Deliverance of God’s people

**Glorify God**

- See the glory of God
- Bring Honor and Praise
- Display God’s character and actions
- Proclaim God’s character and  
    actions to the world

## Day by Day in the Word

“Day by Day in the Word” is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

### **Monday-Tuesday**

- Identify the seven self-descriptions of Jesus which begin by “I am.” See John 6:35; 8:12; 9:5; 10:7, 9; 10:11, 14; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1, 5. Take the “I am” phrase and determine its meaning in light of Exodus 3:14. What do each of the metaphors mean?
- Take one of the metaphors and determine one or two ways you can apply it to your life.

### **Wednesday-Thursday**

- Spend quality time making observations in the following verses: 1 Corinthians 10:31; Colossians 3:17 (the term “glory” is not in this verse, but you’ll see the similarity with the previous verse); 1 Peter 4:11. It will be of great help to read these verses in the paragraph or larger contexts in which they are found.
- Spend time discussing with an individual today what the glory of God is and how we are to glorify God.
- Are there areas in your life that you need to begin consciously glorifying God? Identify one or two and begin doing that today.

### **Friday-Saturday**

- Read John 15 and focus on “fruit.” What does the term “fruit” mean within this context? Be as complete as you can.
- What do you find from other passages that talk about bearing fruit? See Titus 3:14; Psalm 1:3; Proverbs 11:30; Matthew 3:8; 7:16-17; Romans 7:4; Ephesians 5:8-9; Galatians 5:22-23. How would you define fruit in light of these passages?
- Further, what does the “pruning process” consist of? See Hebrews 12:4-11.
- Discuss with a friend how you become fruitful and share an area from your life that you would like to see more fruit in.