

**John 15 v5-11 – cccwamx2 – 2024.010.06**

**(A) THE PASSAGE**

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**(B) THE QUESTIONS**

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**SERIES ON FELLOWSHIP:**

**FROM JUDGEMENT TO JOY**

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Ice breaker: What is the longest journey you have ever taken?

**1. JUDGEMENT**

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Q1: How will God judge the unfruitful Christian in eternity?

**2. ABIDING**

**2.1 Word of God**

7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Q2: Is this a guarantee of our prayers answered to our satisfaction if we just have enough faith?

**2.2 Fruit of God**

8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples.

Q3: How does our fruitfulness glorify God?

**2.3 Love of God**

9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love.

Q4: How do we have more of God's love in our lives?

### **3. JOY**

11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Q5: What is spiritual joy and how do we get it?

### **A PRAYER**

Loving Heavenly Father, thank you for your warnings of judgement of the judgement to come. Help me to abide in you through my life's journey here on earth. Give me a healthy spiritual desire to read and reflect on your word, the Bible. Show me how to bear fruit for you, fruit which is in keeping with repentance. Help me abide in your love through obedience, and so complete the journey from Judgement to Joy, eternal joy in your presence forever, for the sake of your Son my Saviour Jesus Christ and in the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.