# The Focused Jesus: John 12:1-19:42

## Jesus’ ministry in the last week of His mortal life

# John 15

## When doubts arise, map the future

### Part of the private teaching to His disciples

#### How they will relate to God, each other and the world

# Jesus: I am the true vine

## The vine was a symbol of Israel

## This was a claim to be the Messiah

## Jesus made it a call to holiness and mission

# Call to holiness

## Jesus’ teaching was given to prepare and to encourage His disciples

### You’re supposed to ask yourself questions when you listen to this teaching

#### What kind of branch am I?

#### How do I know if I am in or out?

## Questions for self-assessment

### Do you know what Jesus knew of the Father?

### Do you know Jesus' business?

### Does your Christianity make a difference to the way you treat God's people?

### Does your love of God show itself in obedience to His word?

#### Tests not given to frighten you but to give you confidence and JOY

# Call to mission

## It’s not what fruit, but how much fruit you will bear

### Bringing glory to God

#### Morality (personal)

#### Community

#### Witness

### Prayers being answered

# God wants you to bear more fruit

## So He’ll do what it takes to get it from you

### Will you work with Him or fight against Him?

# Homegroup/Private study questions

# The vine and branches

## Read Psalm 80 and discuss:

### What type of Psalm it is (Praise, Lament, Imprecatory, Special occasion, Royal, Blessing, Penitential, Trust, Thanks, etc)

### What the main points it makes are

### What the writer (Asaph?) is seeing around him

### What the writer wants from God

### Where his hope is

## Read Isaiah 5:1-7

### What impression do you get?

## Now read John 15:1-8

### What is the ‘feel’ of this in the light of Ps 80 and Isa 5?

# The difference between pruning and cutting off

## How do you react to ‘the difference is 2 inches’

### What are the implications of this in Christian service?

# Relating to God, each other and the world (8-27)

## If love in unconditional how difficult is it to ‘remain in someone’s love’?

### Is Jesus implying that His love is conditional?

#### Explain your answer

### What is the purpose of obedience according to this passage?

### What are the benefits of obedience according to this passage?

## Why do you think Jesus commands us to love each other (17)?

### Can anyone be commanded to love?

#### Explain your answer

## If we love why would people hate us?

### What refuge from this ‘hate’ does Jesus offer in this passage?

### What comfort does He offer?