

## Introduction

Thank you for staying connected with your church through Livestream or Facebook Live this week. These unfamiliar times are giving us the opportunity to be creative when it comes to meeting together for encouragement as we are called to do in Hebrews 10:25.

We hope you will utilize the resources your church is making available for your family to remain spiritually engaged through this season. We encourage you to utilize the many different online avenues that are available to help you stay connected with your church family while we are limited in our gathering together.

Pastor Nick started a new series on Sunday from the book of John, called “Uninterrupted”. While everything else is being interrupted, nothing of what God wants from you and for you is being interrupted by the circumstances we are facing in our world.

## BIG Idea

The life that God wants you to live is completely uninterrupted by the coronavirus.

## Discussion Questions

1. It’s likely that you are facing an “interruption” to your work life and family life as a result of COVID-19. Some will use this opportunity to go overboard in their work to the neglect of their spiritual life or family life because they are working from home. Some will be tempted in this season to go overboard on the many streaming services that are now readily available (Netflix, Amazon Prime, Disney+, Hulu, etc.). The author, Francis Schaeffer once wrote, “There is a place for proper entertainment, but we are not to be caught up in ceaseless motion which prevents us from ever being quiet. Rather, we are to put everything second so we can be alive to the voice of God and allow Him to speak to us and comfort us.” How will you be tempted to indulge during this unique season? What could you do to take advantage of this “interruption” to become more engaged with God?

### Read John 15:1-3

2. Pastor Nick encouraged us on Sunday to be “fruit-aholics” rather than “workaholics” or “binge-aholics”. What does it mean to bear fruit as a Christian? What is the key to bearing fruit? Read the following verses and summarize what they have to say about bearing fruit.
  - Colossians 1:9-10
  - Luke 6:43-45
  - Galatians 5:22-23

3. Pastor and author, John Piper writes of John 15, "I think fruit in this chapter is a broad term and embraces two things: love for people and the conversion of sinners. If you bear fruit, you love people and win people to Christ." How might God be giving you a golden opportunity for evangelism and loving service toward others in this season? Who is God calling you to love? Who is God calling you to share Christ with during this season?
4. In our passage today (John 15:1-3) we are introduced to the roles that Jesus, God, and each of us play in the vineyard.
  - Who is the vine?
  - Who is the vinedresser?
  - Who is the branch?
  - What is the duty of each?
  - What distinction does Jesus make between the branches?
  - What happens to the branches that do not bear fruit?
5. Jesus gives us a clear dividing line in this passage. Branches that are not spiritually alive do not bear spiritual fruit. Are you a branch that is bearing fruit? Are you driven by love and making Christ known to other people?
6. True Christians bear fruit. They don't just have an outward appearance of doing the right things, rather they have genuinely been saved and changed by Jesus Christ. There are times in life when Christians become distracted or even ineffective for the Kingdom of God, but they are genuine Christians nonetheless. How might God use a circumstance like we're facing in this season to expose (prune) the distracted or wayward hearts of genuine Christians?
7. The Scriptures make it clear that we are saved not by bearing fruit or by doing good works. Bearing fruit and doing good works are the output of a person's life who has been genuinely changed by Jesus. What is the difference in bearing fruit to earn love and bearing fruit from love?
8. During this time of "interruption", we hope the Lord will help you see His pruning work in your life and help you to be fruitful for His Kingdom. What do you sense the Lord doing in your life? Embrace this season of "interruption" and seek to engage the Lord more deeply.

## Pray

As you pray, be sure to include today's themes in what you bring before God. Tell God you are going to trust Him to take care of you in the face of uncertainty.

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## Are you meeting with others online? Use these questions online this week:

1. What is something good or something hard going on in your life right now?
2. What is the one thing that stood out to you about the sermon that you can apply this week?
3. How can you use this season to engage the Lord more deeply?
4. How can we show the love of God in this season?
5. Who is God asking you to share the Gospel with in this season?