



Aware & Available

Part 2: Fruit / Teacher: Steve Frissell

Sermon Questions for 3.8.2020

Opener

What was the last song you listened to, and what did you like or dislike about it?

Read

John 15:4-6; Galatians 5

Diving into the Word

- What struck you as new, challenging, or encouraging about this passage? Why?
- Do you have a struggle believing or understanding what God is saying in this Scripture? In what way?

Diving into the Message

- What is the one thing you want to remember or incorporate in your life from the sermon you just heard? Why?

During our Aware & Available series, we will be providing tips and resources to help you pursue your Name in the Wall. We encourage you to discuss this with your small groups. First, pray, asking the Holy Spirit to speak truth and grace to you.

As you heard in the sermon today, spiritual fruit is a natural byproduct of Christ living in and through us. Fruit doesn't have to work hard to grow... it just does. As we allow Jesus to live in and through us, loving our Name in the Wall will come naturally.

Next Steps

If you haven't set up a time to have coffee or lunch with your Name in the Wall, do that this week.

As we continue to develop authentic friendships with our Name in the Wall, we want to always keep in mind that "no one cares what you know until they know that you care." With that in mind, pray that God would give you an idea of a way to serve or show love to your Name in the Wall. Here are some ideas:

- Pick up their favorite Starbucks order and deliver it to their workplace or home.
- If they don't live close by (or even if they do!), write them a letter or card and send it in the actual mail! Let them know what their friendship means to you and the things you appreciate about them.
- The next time you run to the store, call and see if they need you to pick up anything for them while you're there.
- Offer to babysit so they can enjoy a night out with friends or their spouse

Tool

It may be tempting to try to overtly connect what you do in your act of service/love to the Gospel or something spiritual. But this is not a “three-step method” to get to the Gospel. We are developing authentic friendships with people who are on a spiritual journey. So just let it be what it is - one friend serving/loving another. They may not realize it yet, but you are giving them a glimpse of Jesus and His great love for them.

Prayer

Father, please give me an idea this week for how I can serve or love _____ (my Name in the Wall). Help me to follow through on the idea you give me, and I pray _____ (my Name in the Wall) would receive it as a sincere act of friendship. I also pray that they would start to see something different in me and the kind of friend I am because of Jesus. Please start to stir in them a desire to know more about you. Amen!

Bottom Line

Fruit is experienced and expressed only by trusting in Christ each moment.