

## **PULPIT MINISTRY 2017**

June 2017 Theme: **Chosen**

### **MORNING WORSHIP**

**4 June 2017**

Title: **“You did not choose Me, But I chose you”**

Text: **John 15**

### **THE CALLING OF THE DISCIPLES**

1. Humble people
2. Humble professions

Fishermen, a tax collector

### **WHAT DID JESUS HAVE IN MIND WHEN HE CALLED THEM?**

1. He would make them fishers of men
2. He would send them out as preachers
3. He would appoint them as apostles

### **FRUIT-BEARING SERVANTS OF GOD**

1. What if a person is not bearing fruit?

It is taken away (John 15:2)

- a) There is no reason not to bear fruit
- b) The unfruitful branch is taken away

2. What if a person is bearing fruit?

- a) It is pruned
- b) So that it bears more fruit (John 15:2)

## **THE CHALLENGE TO BEAR FRUIT**

### **1. The lesson of abiding must be learned well**

- a) Abiding in Christ (John 15:4-6)
- b) Abiding in His Word (John 15:7)
- Abiding in His love (John 15:9-10)

### **2. The lesson cleansing and pruning must be understood**

- a) Made clean through the Word (John 15:3)
- b) Pruning work of God (John 15:2)

## **CHOSEN AND APPOINTED**

*“I chose you and appointed you to bear fruit” John 15:16*

### **1. Chosen and Appointed**

- a) Closely related concepts
- b) Fruit-bearing is affirmed

### **2. The place of Prayer**

- a) Praying must be practised
- b) Prayers will be answered (according to God's will)

### **3. Expect Resistance**

- a) Not all will understand
- b) Some may oppose