

eNews for Sunday, May 3, 2015

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:26-40

Psalm 22:24-30

1 John 4:7-21

John 15:1-8



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*From the Dean*

### The Smell Test

*"Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit . . . My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."—John 15:6, 8*

**Isn't that an interesting phrase: "The Smell Test"?** You've probably heard it said of something, "It doesn't pass the smell test." I suppose it comes from smelling food to determine whether the food is fresh enough to eat. It is said of situations where people say that one thing is going on, but others think that something else is really occurring. The phrase is often used in politics where a person is appointed to a position, but that person doesn't seem to have earned that position by merit.

In our reading from John, Jesus says that his disciples bear fruit. If we are not bearing fruit, then, to use our metaphor, we do not pass the smell test for what it means to be a disciple.

So, do you pass the smell test for being a disciple? Are you bearing fruit? Would others say you pass the smell test for being a follower of Jesus?