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In John 15, Jesus commands his disciples to “abide in him” in the same way that a branch must remain connected to the vine in order to bear fruit. More specifically, in verse nine, Jesus tells his disciples to abide in his love; it is this love that binds them together as followers of Christ and allows them to bear fruit. In the same way that Christ loves (self-sacrificial love, agape) his disciples, they are to love one another, bearing fruit. This passage, and its implications to the disciples extend to all who follow Christ, including the community of UTCCF. We are to bear fruit through loving one another because Christ loved us first. It is only through his love that we can be restored: in our relationship with God and our relationships with one another. Thus it is through bearing the fruits of love that we can be restored to what we as humans were created to be. It is in this that we can find true joy.

In addition, in Matthew 5:13-16, we were called to be the salt and light of the world. Firstly, to be the light in the world, we are to extend this love between the disciples out to the world. We need to welcome any new disciples, and seek to evangelize when opportunities arise. Secondly, to be the salt of the world, we are to preserve what is still holy and good in the world. It can be bolstering the faith of other Christians through encouragements, or speaking out when seeing a brother or sister move away from God.

Sports Ministry is a great opportunity to evangelize to the world, since many of its members are non-Christian, and some may not even attend regular CCF nights. So just as how Jesus gave us the Gospel, we will seek to share that with those that participate in our activities. We will also have a short sharing/prayer time after each session so that we may be accountable and provide support to each other if needed. Ultimately, all these can only be done because Christ first overwhelmed us with His love, and it's all for His glory.