

Harvest Service 1st November 2015
Learning from the jam maker
“You can identify them by their fruit, that is, by the way they act.”
Matthew 7:16a

1. The best fruit comes from quality plants.

“Can you pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles?” v 16b

“You can enter God’s kingdom only through the narrow gate. The highway to hell is broad, and its gate is wide for the many who choose that way. But the gateway to life is very narrow and the road is difficult and only a few ever find it.” Matthew 7:13-14

2. The variety of jam comes from diversity of fruit.

“But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it.” 1 Cor 12:18

3. The best fruit takes time to ripen.

“For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow.” James 1:3

4. Fruit is hand sorted.

“He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn’t produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more.” John 15:2

5. Crushing and heating are essential.

“These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold – though your faith is far more precious than mere gold.” 1 Peter 1:7

6. Each pot is labelled by the maker.

“And when you believed in Christ, he identified (sealed) you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. The Spirit is God’s guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised” Eph 1:13-14

“He did this to present her (Church) to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault.” Eph 5:28