

John 15:1-16

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Sermon Study Guide

(Reminder: The purpose of the questions is to explore the text and themes of the sermon. **Do not feel a need to go through all of the questions.**

The goal is to stimulate discussion/reflection and transformation related to the sermon text and themes.)

1. Jesus described Himself as the true vine and His Father as the One Who tends the vine (v. 1). The Father will remove every branch that doesn't bear fruit and will prune every branch that does bear fruit that it may bear more fruit (2). How do the verses in and around this passage help us interpret this saying? (ex. chap. 13 speaks of Judas Iscariot; Jesus' washing & cleansing; obeying His new commandment will distinguish us as Jesus' disciples; chap. 14 speaks of bearing fruit and answered prayers [14:12-13]; loving Jesus etc.)
2. Branches cannot bear fruit on their own, to bear fruit they must abide/ remain in the vine (v. 4). What does "abiding" or "remaining" in Christ mean, what does this look like? (Consider vv. 15:9-10, 12-13)
3. Is God pruning you? How does God prune us? The "fruit" Jesus speaks of isn't just one thing, its more of a categorical term. Discuss any specific fruit(s) you see in our passage.
4. How does prayer (7, 16) help the church accomplish the mission Jesus set before us?
5. In what way is Jesus' statement 'You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you' (v. 16) the ultimate encouragement for His disciples?