

The True Vine

7.24.11
John 15:1-8

Sermon Discussion Questions:

- 1) What kind of fruit is the Father looking for? Do you see these types of things in your life? If this fruit comes from "remaining in Christ" how can a non-Christian seem to have similar fruit?

- 2) Why would the Father cut off a branch? What does this mean in literal terms, why would He "cut off" a believer today?

- 3) Why would the Father prune a branch? What is the purpose of pruning?

- 4) What does it mean to "abide" or "remain" in Christ? What are you personally doing to remain in Christ? How can you, as a small group, spur one another on to more faithfully remain in Christ?

- 5) What is the difference between trying to bear fruit on your own and bearing fruit by remaining in Christ? How do the two look different?

- 6) Is there some you can think of for whom this is a good encouragement or a good warning? Why would you or wouldn't you want to tell them about this passage and Pastor Jim's teaching?