



John 15:1-11 “I Am the True Vine”

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Jesus' discourse on the vine and the branches is one that asks disciples of Jesus to examine the nature of fruit in their life. Spiritual fruit and pruning to produce that fruit is what separates and marks followers of Jesus.

DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

1. What did Matthew mean when he argued that you cannot bear fruit on your own? Have you recognized that? What is Jesus' role in producing fruit in his disciples?
2. What is the relationship between God's glory and our joy? How would you describe the joy of God? What is the relationship of joy to obedience?
3. Why is it difficult to work through a time of trial or suffering? Why might it be difficult to accept a time like this a time of pruning and maturing for your faith? Share some ways that you have experienced God's pruning. What did you learn from it? How did you mature?
4. God has appointed his disciples to bear fruit. Why is it important that you bear fruit? How might someone see this as a burden? How can the exhortation to bear fruit be seen as an encouragement?
5. Jesus sends us to be the one who cultivate fruit in others and to spread the Gospel across the world. How is Jesus' confidence and encouragement in this area empowering to you?

PRAYER

Spend some time in prayer with one another for things drawn out of the discussion.