

**Redeem Church Life Group Discussion Guide (10-29-17)**  
**Abiding In The Vine - From John 15**

The sermon this week took us through the words of Jesus given to his disciples as he painted a vivid picture of what a true relationship with God should resemble & produce. In our discussion time, we will unpack more meaning from these life giving words.

We will read more than usual, so give the following scriptures out to different individuals now so they can read them when the verse is called for.

**John 15:1-17 - Matthew 7:16-20 - John 6:60-69**

**Read John 15:1-17 aloud in your group**

The imagery used in this passage was that of a grape vine being tended by a gardener, a vineyard producing grapes that would be enjoyed as fruit & wine.

**Q?** We are the branches. Where do you see God the Father, God the Son & God the Holy Spirit in this imagery? What are their roles? **Discuss:**

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**Q?** Verse 2 talks about some branches being cut off because they were not producing fruit. What does this mean? **Discuss:**

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**Read Matthew 7:16-20 & John 6:60-69 aloud in your group**

**Q?** How do these 2 passages help us better understand the meaning of a fruitless branch being cut off? **Discuss:**

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The Greek word used for “fruit” is **καρπός (karpos)** meaning, “**produce**” or “**the result of doing something**”, namely remaining in the vine.

**Q?** So just what is the “fruit” or “results” of remaining in the vine? **Discuss:**

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Though this may not be the only fruit Jesus was referring to, **Galatians 5:22-23** lists specific traits which Spirit produces in those who abiding in Jesus:

**22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.**

**Q?** Which one of these “fruits” do you feel you lack most in this season?  
**Explain:**

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In **John 1:2** Jesus states that those branches that DO produce fruit are not cut off but cut on or “**pruned**”.

**Q?** What does it mean that He will prune us?

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**Q?** Can you think of a time that God’s pruning work took place in your life for the sake of bearing better fruit? **Explain:**

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**Q?** How does one abide in Christ the vine? **Discuss:**

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**1 John 2:6 & 24 say:**

**vs 6 whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked. vs 24 Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.**

**Q?** How do these verses better shape your understanding of how we actually abide or remain in Jesus as our vine? **Discuss:**

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**Q?** Is there anything else that stands out to you in **John 15:1-17???** **Discuss:**

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**Close your time by praying together as the Holy Spirit leads you.**