

November 5, 2023

## Abide: Discipleship (John 15)

*Commit to being a Fully Devoted Follower of Christ.*

*Warmup: Did you build or play in a fort as a kid? Who was allowed in your fort and what made it FUN?*

### READ John 15:1- 8

- Describe the similarities between being a grapevine branch and a disciple of Jesus.
- What is the difference between growing and bearing fruit? What does Jesus emphasize in this passage?
- What is God saying to you in these verses?

### REFLECT

- What has been your own experience in trimming grapevines, roses, or fruit trees? Relate some stories in your life where some branches needed to be pruned? Was it an attitude, behavior, habit, etc.?
- What did you learn from the experience of pruning? Was there an increase in the yielding of fruit?
- How does what Jesus is teaching you in these verses line up with your life?

### RESPOND

- A better word for “remain” in v. 4 is “abide” or simply “make residence.” What are some daily and weekly practices you can do to abide in Christ? How will you make this “residence” or “home,” a place where you want to dwell?
- Will you ask God to prune some of your bad habits and behaviors? Remember, simply removing bad habits is not enough. They must be replaced with “abiding” with Jesus, and in Jesus, each day.
- How is the Spirit leading you to respond this week