

Life Application Questions

February 21, 2021

“Abide in Christ”

John 15:1-8

1. What is Jesus contrasting Himself with when He says, "I am the true vine?" (See Isaiah 5:1-2 & Jeremiah 2:1-4) How does Jesus contrast with Israel according to Isaiah 5:2b and Jeremiah 2:5-8; 13; and 21? How does this context give greater clarity to what Jesus is saying in John 15:1?
2. What do you think of when you hear the word “pruned”? How about when you consider that you’re the one being pruned? What encouragement is found in Jesus’ words: "every branch that does bear fruit He prunes?" In what ways is this pruning both good for the branch and the vineyard?
3. What should followers of Jesus expect if God's commitment to our fruit-bearing is greater than our commitment to comfort?
4. How does one know a branch is rooted in the vine? What does God's Word say in James 2:24-26? What does Jesus say in Matthew 7:17-19? What are the various fruit that will be evident in a branch vitally connected to the true vine of Jesus?
5. Consider the meaning of the word “abide”. Why is this message so important for the disciples right before Jesus departs? How does this shed light on what Jesus is calling us to as His disciples?