



## session two

read: john 15: 1-8

### unpack the text:

(v. 2) "Prunes it" Grapevines are more plentiful if pruned. The pruning may refer to hardship that (eventually) produces faithfulness and closer relationship with God, such as the disciples are about to experience (compare Rom 5:3-5; Jas 1:2-4). Jesus also could be referring to the pruning of dead branches, which would entail removing what is undesirable.

(v. 5) "You are not able to do anything" Jesus means that people cannot access God without Him, and consequently they cannot bear fruit. All life-giving things require access to the source of life, Jesus.

(v. 6) "Into the fire" Jesus is referring to those who choose not to accept Him as Savior. The dead branches are people who are useless to God's work—people like Judas, who chose to reject Jesus when faced with the truth

### ask questions:

1. What stands out to you most in this passage?

In the passage, there are 3 different roles described, the Vinedresser, the Vine, and The Branch.

2. Who do each of these roles represent?

3. Why is it for our good that we stay connected to Jesus, like the branch stays connected to the vine?

4. What is fruit?

Read Galatians 5:22

5. How do we as people bear fruit?

6. Why is it important to bear fruit and to experience growth?

7. What does it mean to "abide in Christ"?

8. How do we practically abide in Christ daily?

9. In your own life, have you seen people choose to disconnect themselves from Christ and try to live apart from Him?

10. Does living a life with Christ promise us good things and ease?

Read John 15:10-11 and Romans 8:28

10. Does living a life with Christ promise us good things and ease?

11. What are we promised?

12. Do you see Jesus as your friend? Why or why not?

13. What does it practically look like to love people? How do we do that?

14. Are there people in your life who love you well? What does that look like?

Read John 15:16 & Ephesians 2:4-5

15. If you were chosen by Jesus to be a child of God, and to be in relationship with Him, how should that affect you? What does that mean about your identity?

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