

**READ:** Have someone in your group read **John 3:1-7**

**ASK...** Each person in the group to individually state the time or season that they experienced their own “Born Again” moment.

- What are some things that **changed** for you right away? What are some things that took more time for God to prune away?

**TALK ABOUT** the MAIN idea behind the idea of ABIDING in Christ...

When you become a follower of Christ- you now IDENTIFY as a child of God, and from that moment you are learning how to become what you already are!

Your new life in Christ is now directly related to your **POSITION** (Connected to The Vine).

**READ:** Have someone in your group read **John 15:1-11**

**TALK ABOUT** What it looks like to be connected to Christ. Did you work for it?

- Read again verses 1-3. Don't move past it too quickly. What are your takeaways?

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you.

**READ:** Now read verses **4-7**

**ASK** What happens to those who AREN'T connected to the VINE?

What happens when you ARE connected to the Vine?

**READ:** verse **7** again!

**ASK** How have your **PRAYERS** been answered when you are connected to the VINE?

When our prayers aren't connected to the VINE (God's will) we can be very busy and not very productive for the Kingdom. Below is a good question to ask ourselves regularly...

Am I Abiding in **ACTIVITY**... Or... Am I Abiding in my true IDENTITY?

**READ:** Now read verses **12-17**

**TALK ABOUT** What it means to be “**chosen**” by the Father!

He has a **PURPOSE** for our lives. Read vs. 16...

16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, He may give it to you.

Our **Position**. Our **Purpose** (to love God & others) and our **Prayers!**

As a child of God ABIDE in Him and let His LOVE come through you - **a sacrificial Love!**

Our PURPOSE is that He has appointed us. He's chosen us for this moment, and for the rest of our lives to continue to learn who we already are in Him.

Fruit-bearing Children of God!

**PRAY!!!!**

