

John 15:1-11

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. **4** Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. **6** If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. **9** As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. **10** If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. **11** These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Discussion/Journal Questions

How is everyone doing with the Resolve 2021 goals? How is your time in prayer, Bible, and Christian community going?

Through this series, we have used the image of a trellis to describe how spiritual disciplines help us grow. In your own words, how are spiritual disciplines like a trellis?

Read John 15:1-11. What happens in those who abide in Jesus? What happens to those who do not abide in Jesus?

What kind of fruit is Jesus referring to in John 15?

Through this series we have discussed various spiritual disciplines: Silence, Solitude, Sabbath, Sacred Living, Spiritual Friendship, and Simplicity. Which of these disciplines are the most challenging for you?

In your own words, how would you describe each of the disciplines? What are you doing to put them into practice?

How do each of these disciplines act like a trellis to connect us to Jesus?

What is life like when we neglect these disciplines?

How can your group help you grow in these disciplines?

Who are you praying for to accept Jesus, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?

Who are you currently discipling, and what specifically did you do this week to help them know, love, and follow Jesus?

Who are you considering for future discipleship relationships, and what specifically did you do this week to interact with them?