



TEXT: JOHN 15:1-17

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Covenant Members Meeting** – this Wednesday, February 5 at 6:30pm at the church building. A meal and childcare will be provided.
 - **Starting Point** - For those who want to learn more about Redeemer Church. This is the first step toward covenant membership. Next class is Sunday, February 9 from 4:00-5:30pm. Sign up at www.redeemerchurch.com/nextsteps
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Leading Off...

1. How would you describe true friendship?

BIG IDEA: Jesus is our Sustainer and Friend.

Read John 15:1-2

2. Read also Isaiah 5:1-7. In light of Isaiah's prophecy, why does Jesus refer to Himself as the "true vine"?
3. How does God provide all we need to grow and flourish?
4. What is "good fruit" and what is "bad fruit"?
5. How do we see the gospel in these two verses in John?
6. How are we to correctly interpret these verses in light of our security in Christ?
7. What might that "pruning" look like in our lives? Will someone share an example?

Read Galatians 5:19-23

8. What do these verses reveal about those who are in Christ and those not in Christ?

Read John 15:3-4

9. What does Jesus say is His pruning knife?
10. How does His Word effectively work in our lives?
11. How is God's Word working in your life right now?
12. What does it mean to "abide in Christ"?

Read John 15:5-8

13. What are some aspects of a dead branch?
14. According to verse 5, what are some evidences of a fruitful branch?
15. How does a good prayer life bear evidence of a healthy branch?

Read John 15:9-11

16. What does love have to do with this metaphor of the vine and branches?
17. What does obedience have to do with His love?

18. How do we sometimes forfeit the inexhaustible joy Jesus offers us?
19. Will someone share a testimony of how obedience to Christ brought you much joy?

Read John 15:12-15

20. How does Jesus set the example for us in obedience, His relationship with the Father, and love for others?
21. What might this look like in our biblical community?
22. What does it mean to be a friend of God?

Wrapping Up

Read John 15:16-17

23. Jesus wraps up this passage here. What is he saying should be the marks of those truly united to the vine?
24. Will someone share how this important teaching has impacted your life?