



**February 9<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup> | Craig Smith: Positioned and Primed (John 15:1-17)**

1. If you could write out a list of events or describe a picture that depicts “life to the fullest” what would that look like?

//Read John 15:1-9//

2. Why does Jesus employ the picture of a vine and branches to describe the way we are to relate to Him?
3. Jesus claims to be the “true vine.” What are some *false vines* in your life that promise “life to the fullest” but can never provide it?
4. What is the “fruit” Jesus promised would be the evidence that you are his disciple(s)?
  - a. Where can you identify that “fruit” in your life right now?
  - b. What is an area of your life in which you’d like to cultivate more “fruit”?
5. How should our connection to Jesus transform what we ask Him for?

//Read John 15:10-17//

6. Consider vv. 12-13. Do you think it is possible to love someone without sacrificing something for them? Why?
  - a. Do you think it is possible to sacrifice for someone without having love for them? Why?
  - b. Why do sacrifice and love, when combined, mean so much more than when they are separated from each other?
7. How does the friendship Jesus describes in v. 15 make you more able to produce the fruit that demonstrates you are His disciple(s)?

***God wants us to receive and radiate love.***

8. What does it mean to experience full life with Jesus through receiving His love?
9. What is one step you can take to allow God to extend His love to others through you? What might God be pruning from your life right now?

*Leaders: Record your group engagement via the MHC App*