

JOHN 15:1-11

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONNECTION

THE ROLE OF THE FATHER

- Read John 15:1-2, 6. Why is Jesus the “true vine,” and the Father called the “vinedresser?”
- Why do some branches not bear fruit? What happens to those who bear no fruit?
- The Father prunes other branches. What does this mean and why is pruning important?
- God is the Perfect Father. How has God been a good father in your life?

THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CHRISTIAN

- Read John 15:3-5, 9-10. What does the word “abide” mean, and who/what does Jesus tell us to abide in from these verses?
- What does it mean that Christians can do nothing apart from Jesus?
- Why is bearing fruit important for a Christian and what does it reveal?
- Compare John 15:5 with Galatians 2:20. According to these verses, what is the only way for Christians to truly live the Christian life?

THE RESULTS OF THE RELATIONSHIP

- Read John 15:7-8, 11. What specific examples does Jesus say come from abiding in Him?
- What does John 15:7 mean and how is this verse appropriately applied to our lives?
- Why does bearing fruit “prove” that someone is a disciple?
- Jesus brings us true joy and His joy satisfies us in ways no one and nothing else can. Talk about this reality and give examples of how you have experienced the joy of the Lord.

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